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Residents call the police about private investigators on their street about once or twice each month, say police. Pictured above is PI Jack DeCourcy, a former FBI agent.

## Private eyes, watching you

Checking for cheats, other issues, PIs hit town each month

By Ben Hellman

They're not the law. They're not the government. But they are watching residents in Andover and it's perfectly legal. They are private investigators and they operate regularly in town.

"We fill the void where local authorities don't have the man power or the resources," said Andover private investigator Jack DeCourcy.

Police say PIs that come to Andover are usually investigating marital problems, but workman's compensation

cases are also common. "Most of the time it's domestic," said Lieutenant William Mackenzie.

When residents notice that a car has been sitting on their street for a long time, sometimes they report it to the police. Usually there's a couple of calls about private investigators each month. Police Lt. James Hashem says private investigators don't even have to register with the local police, but they sometimes do out of courtesy. "If they're watching someone, it's not to their

advantage to have a police car come up on them," he said.

DeCourcy says he tries to avoid watching people from cars. He says it's the most expensive means of surveillance and yields the fewest results. The retired FBI agent is the president of Bentley Associates Inc., and he does most of his work from a computer.

DeCourcy's company does the majority of its work with corporate clients. DeCourcy specialized in white

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NOT THIS YEAR

## Set aside: senior center

By Andrea Gregory

Andover seniors are no longer waiting to see if this is the year Andover will pay for a new senior center.

Selectmen voted Monday to remove the Town Meeting warrant article asking for \$290,000 to design the new center at the request of the Senior Center Task Force. The task force is a committee designed to bring senior center plans to Town Meeting.

There appeared to be three factors in the decision:

- Proponents want to have a

rock-solid presentation ready before going to Town Meeting;

- At least some officials are interested in learning more about the difference in cost between building a new senior center and adding to the existing center; and
- Everyone recognizes that 2003 is not going to be an easy year to get capital projects approved.

"They were recognizing it was a bad budget year," says Selectman Mary Lyman. "If you don't feel comfortable, the budget

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## Andover Idol?

This month, anyone could become the Andover idol. On Sunday, March 30, Andover High is hosting a "Talent Extravaganza," a singing competition modeled after the popular television program *American Idol*. Contestants will be judged on vocal ability, appearance and stage charisma and audience reaction.

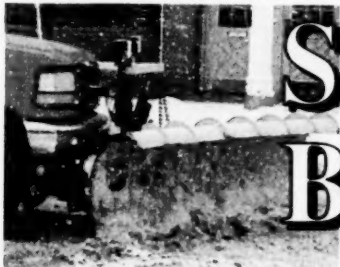
All of the performances will be recorded on DVD and VHS and the top five winners will have their recordings sent to a major record company and get a chance to audition for their talent department, says contest promoter Joe Spanos. The contest is open to all ages and not restricted to Andover residents. Registration forms are available at Andover High and are due by



Andover High senior Jordan DiStefano practices for event.

Monday, March 24. Those interested can contact Spanos at 978-697-9110 or by e-mail at joeyspan@aol.com.

## TARGETING THE BUDGET



## SNOW BUSINESS

\$60- to \$100-per-hour plows on honor system

Up-to-date snow removal costs

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By Ben Hellman

Snow removal is big business in Andover. The town has spent more than \$1.4 million this year to keep the roads safe and clear of snow. It is a job that involves more than 200 employees, both town employees and private contractors. But Andover shows a lot of faith when it comes to managing the most expensive part of its snow removal costs — paying the private workers who drive the plows and other equipment at rates that can be more than \$100 per hour.

When the snow starts to pile up, Andover calls in its big guns — 60 private contractors totting 175 heavy vehicles. Contracted snow removal accounts for the majority of Andover's snow removal costs — more than \$1 million this year, by the end of February.

But in a storm the town watches the roads, not the people plowing them.

For contractors, there are no

time cards, and they do not need to sign in anywhere. They are paid from the time the town calls them — at rates between \$60 to \$100 per hour "and up" — until they are sent home. They head straight to their routes and just start plowing, says Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

Petkus says the reason the contractors don't have to sign in is because their vehicles wouldn't all fit in the town yard. Highway Superintendent John Canavan says it's a matter of trust. "They're local guys. I trust them implicitly. I'd be insulting these guys if I made them punch a clock," he said.

Instead of verifying all of the contractors' men have shown up, Andover checks the condition of the roads. Petkus says this assures the town they are all doing their jobs. The town has five employees — called "road rangers" — checking the road conditions. Petkus

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"I'd be insulting these guys if I made them punch a clock."

JOHN CANAVAN, ANDOVER HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT



The Andover High School girls basketball team celebrate their victory on Tuesday.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Another step to paydirt

By Rick Harrison

Success never grows old. For the fifth time in the last eight years, the Andover High girls varsity basketball team has reached the Division 1 North Tournament championship game.

The top-seeded Lady Warriors earned a date at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell this Saturday night by winning a pair of recent tourney tests, drilling Central Catholic 62-43 in the quarterfinals and stopping first-time foe Lynn Classical, 53-40, in Tuesday night's semifinal showdown at the neutral St. John's Prep court in Danvers.

"We beat two very good basketball teams," said Andover head coach Jim Tildsley. "Our girls have that look in their eyes

and that's a good thing.

"I'm impressed with the way our kids are focused on what they want to accomplish. They understand what we have to do to reach our goal. That sounds simple but it isn't."

"We're not as talented as we've been in the past — but this could be the most mature team we've had," said Tildsley. "Of course, we're going to need a little bit of luck along the way, too."

Andover, 2-2 in previous North title games, will face either familiar Merrimack Valley Conference foe Lowell or Peabody in the Saturday night game scheduled for 5:45 at the Tsongas.

Those two played in the other semifinal last night, after *Townsmen* press time, and Tildsley rated the game a tossup.

"Both teams are very good," said the AHS coach. "Who would we rather face? It's tough to say. Peabody doesn't know us

very well and Crowley (Lowell coach Mike) does.

"Plus, you hate to play an excellent team three times in the same season."

The Lady Warriors (21-1 overall), who usually have good success against Lowell no matter how well the Red Raiders are playing, beat MVC 1 runner-up LHS twice during the regular season by 62-41 and 56-43 scores.

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# DPW: Well-plowed roads

## ■ PLOWING

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and Canavan say they and high-way foreman Phil Newcomb also drive the streets. That puts eight people in charge of verifying that some 175 truck drivers are doing what they should be doing.

In addition to making sure the contractors' vehicles all show up and stay the allotted time, the system of checking the roads is there to make sure that all of the contractors do not plow the town's lucrative private lots on the town's dime — a practice known among plowers as "double-dipping." All of Andover's contractors sign a paper saying they will not do private work while working for the town.

Petkus says the system works. "The easiest way to tell if they're plowing is to follow the routes," he said. The contractors have an hour to get to their routes. If they don't show up within the hour or at all, they get hours knocked off their check or they aren't paid, he says. Petkus says it is apparent if the contractors are not doing their job.

According to Canavan's handwritten records, for the President's Day storm, Andover's contractors were all paid from 1 p.m. on Monday until 9 a.m. Tuesday. The bill came to \$180,000 for contractors to clean up. That doesn't account for salt and sand expenses, town employee overtime and other snow-related costs the town spent during that storm.

Petkus says the town should concentrate on the quality of

The budget costs and year to date expenses were given by Department of Public Works business manager Dennis Sheehan on Feb. 28.

Budgeted	
Sand Budget:	\$62,000
Salt Budget:	\$150,000
Overtime Budget:	\$160,000
Contractor/misc. Budget:	\$735,000

Year to date costs:	
Salt:	\$137,538
Sand:	\$61,570
Overtime:	\$244,971
Contractors (storms):	\$940,143
Contractors (snow removal):	\$62,021
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,446,243</b>

**Over budget: \$395,043**

## Private plows

Andover's contractors are in the construction industry in warmer months. They are frequently landscapers, excavators, and developers — 45 of them are Andover businesses. They are paid a different rate per vehicle, per hour, depending on size of the vehicle. "The bigger the vehicle, the more we pay them," said Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus. The minimum is \$60 and the maximum more than \$100 per hour, says Petkus. To his knowledge they have never been called for less than eight hours.

Andover's plowing, which he says is noticeably better than every town around. "Most people are proud," said Petkus. He pointed out Andover hasn't had to cancel a day of school this year, while acknowledging the worst snow accumulations have occurred on weekends and vacations.

"The question is, do the residents want the roads cleared to the extent that they have been — what degree of black pavement the residents want to see," said Petkus. He says that should be determined at Town Meeting. DPW will scale back its snow removal services if the residents make it clear they want that, he said.



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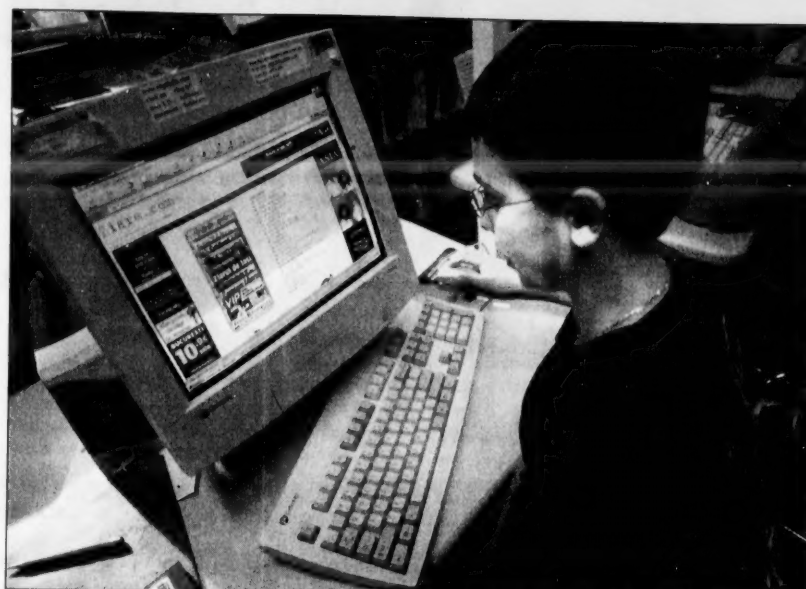
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Alex Dumitrescu, who is learning to read Romanian, looks at a Romanian Web site at the Doherty Middle School media center.

## School budget

## Tech, SPED assistant, AD spending up

By Ben Hellman

In a superintendent's recommended budget that Superintendent Claudia Bach says represents "severe cuts," some departments are being cut less than others, and some areas show increases. Technology, non-certified staff and the athletic director's salary are some budget line items in Bach's preliminary budget that have seen increases or do not reflect the cuts from other departments.

Bach requests a \$33,901 increase for the technology department this year. The increase is a fraction of last year's \$218,089 approved increase. Technology director Ray Tode says his department runs "on a shoestring."

The schools have four technicians to service its 2,348 computers. Tode says in private industry one technician would be responsible for 50-75 machines.

The schools have one network operator to maintain 35 servers. Tode says the town side of Andover's government has three operators to maintain fewer systems. Tode believes the

town side needs three people to do the job, but one person for the schools is not enough, he says. "We should have four or five," he says.

The schools also have the equivalent of one integrated technology specialist per school. This year, these specialists are helping teachers to better use computers in their teaching. Next year at the elementary schools, the specialists will teach a class to cover classroom planning time. They will not be able to spend as much time helping teachers use the computers to teach. "I see this as a huge step backward for the program," says Tode.

### More SPED teaching assistants

Special-education plans are almost doubling the cost to pay non-certified staff salaries. The superintendent's budget in this area is increasing \$377,031 compared to last year's approved increase of \$187,273.

School Committee Chairwoman Tina Girdwood says the schools had to hire more special-education teaching assistants to meet state-mandated

special-education plans. Bach is requesting 79 special-education assistants compared to the 65 needed last year. The budget requests 28 regular assistants compared to 30 approved last year.

"It's deceptive. You realize a reduction in one area and an increase in another," she says.

### Three athletic directors

Although long-time Athletic Director Jim Hurley is retiring this summer, the town will spend more on athletic directors' salary next year. That's because it will have three athletic directors for a while.

Health and physical education directors Dave Nichols and Brian McNally will cover retiring Hurley's position for most of next year. But Hurley is not retiring until the end of August so for two months the three will be paid while the position is handed over.

McNally and Nichols will also be covering half of their original positions during the summer and the rest of the year, so three people aren't getting paid to do one job, says Bernie Tuttle, school business manager. Hurley will help with the transition, Tuttle says. Last year's AD line item showed \$86,705, compared to a budget request this year of \$109,962.

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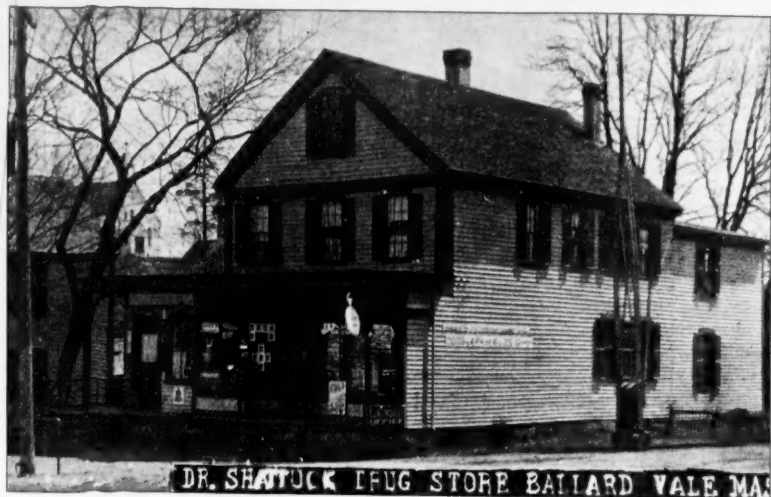
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## PAST AND PRESENT



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The building at 197 Andover St. in Ballardvale was the home and business of doctor and druggist Charles Shattuck around 1890. The front porch was removed around 1948. The train still runs by the house – but it is no longer fired by coal.

## Town wetlands bylaw survives legal challenge

For the first time, Andover's Wetlands Protection Bylaw has been challenged by a local developer and the bylaw has come out the winner.

Fieldstone Meadows Development Corp. was looking to develop a five-lot subdivision off Porter Road which the Andover Conservation Commission said was too close to nearby wetlands. The commission voted against the project last May after holding six public hearings on the developer's plans. Fieldstone argued the conservation commission's was not based on "substantial evidence."

Andover town counsel Thomas J. Urbelis said the Conservation Commission's denial of the sub-division has been upheld in Essex County Superior Court by Judge Barbara J. Rouse.

"This case is significant because it is the first case which has been decided on a challenge to the Town's Wetlands Protection Bylaw adopted at the 1999 Annual Town Meeting," Urbelis said.

The bylaw mandates a "25-foot undisturbed buffer zone" surrounding wetlands.

## American Red Cross, St. Robert's team to boost blood supply March 20

Since September 11, 2001 many questions have been raised about the need for blood. "The uncertainty of the times in which we live require a new commitment to maintain a 5-10 day community blood supply," says the American Red Cross, in a release. "That's why St. Robert's and the American Red Cross are teaming up to help ensure that a safe and adequate blood supply is available when needed."

Residents can donate blood at Charlie Sheehan Memorial Blood Drive on Thursday, March 20 at St. Robert's Church Hall, 198 Haggetts Pond Road.

Donor hours are 2 to 8 p.m.

"The fact is, nearly 1,600 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need right here in our own community. It is a challenge to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients year round," according to the Red Cross.

Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) with any questions about donating blood, or visit the related Web site [www.newenglandblood.org](http://www.newenglandblood.org).

## March health clinics

The Andover Health Department will have mini clinics on Monday, Mar. 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Mar. 24 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19 and 26. No appointment necessary.

## Relay for Life

The 2003 Relay for Life will take place at Merrimack College in North Andover on June 13 and 14. The American Cancer Society invites all residents of Andover to participate in planning this community event. For information, call Deborah Emery-Gigliotti at 1-800-527-1977 (Press 3, then Ext. 233) during business hours.

## Police solicitation

An organization called the Andover Police Relief Association has begun its solicitation and fundraising. A portion of this money is used to fund Andover's annual policeman's ball, which will be held June 13 at the Andover Country Club.

Police say people with questions can call the shift commander at 978-475-0411 Ext. 5058.

## Tucker office hours

State Sen. Sue Tucker will hold her monthly office hours at the Andover Memorial Library on Tuesday, March 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. All town residents are invited to stop by, according to a release from her office.

Residents are also invited to contact Tucker at her Statehouse office by calling 617-722-1612 or by sending her an e-mail at [STucker@senate.state.ma.us](mailto:STucker@senate.state.ma.us).

## LWV budget talk

Have questions about next year's state budget, or about how it will impact your town, or about campaign finance, or education reform? The Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters is inviting such people to its annual "Meet the Legislators" event at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College.

During this meeting, people can discuss impact of Gov. Romney's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004. Scheduled to attend are state Sens. Susan Tucker, Steven Baddour, and Bruce Tarr; and Reps. Barry Finegold of 17th Essex, Barbara L'Italien of 18th Essex, and David Torrisi of 14th Essex.

Cascia Hall, a former church, is in the center of Merrimack College campus and can be accessed from the Elm Street entrance. Refreshments will be served.

## Got cookies?

Andover Girl Scout troops will be selling cookies "cash-and-carry" at the following booth sale locations:

- at Market Basket on Saturday, March 8, from 9 to 11 a.m., and Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- at Old Town Hall on Saturday, March 22, from 9:30 a.m. to noon; Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. to noon; Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m. to noon, and Saturday, May 3, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- at the Andover MBTA on Friday, April 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

## Last day to register

The last day to register to vote for new registrants for both the town election and Town Meeting was Wednesday, March 5. The town clerk's office at 36 Bartlet St. was open for voter registration until 8 p.m.

The annual town election will take place on Tuesday, March 25. All precincts will be voting at the Andover High School Field House on Shawshen Road from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Quote, unquote . . .

**HIS MOTHER MADE THE SWEATERS FOR HIM.** Every Christmas she would ask him what color or what type of sweater he wanted for the next Christmas.

— Ann Barber, of Brady Loop, on Mister Rogers, who she worked with for a couple of years. (Column, page 6)

**WE WENT TO A 1-1-3 ZONE** to start the second half and we totally confused them.

— Coach Jim Tildsley on the Andover High girls basketball team's winning strategy. (Sports, page 21)

**I'VE GOT A BIT OF A CULT FOLLOWING WITH THIS ONE.**

— Local cooking instructor Trish Martini on the popularity of her Italian cooking classes. (Townpeople, page 9)

**THEY OWNED THAT WHOLE CONCENTRIC REVOLVE.**

— Andover High's director of theater Susan Sepich talking about the technical crew that worked on last weekend's entry in the state's drama festival (Arts, page 17)

## News Calendar

### Thursday, March 6

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 1 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, monthly meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

### Saturday, March 8

Zoning Board of Appeals, deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, 9:30 a.m.

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.

### Monday, March 10

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6-9 p.m.

School Improvement Council, Wood Hill Middle School, conference room A, 6:15 p.m.

School Committee, school administration building, conference room, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Partnership, Town Offices, first floor, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Finance Committee, joint meeting, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 11

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 12

Memorial Hall Library Trustees, Library Conference Room, 4:30 p.m.

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, first floor, 6 p.m.

Selectmen, Finance Committee, joint meeting, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Ballardvale Lowell Jct. Traffic Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 13

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.

## Street sweeping may start later

7 a.m. work would mean temporary parking ban

There are no signs anywhere in town to indicate Andover even has street sweeping, but that could soon change. And so could the scheduling.

After Town Meeting, selectmen plan to consider changing street sweeping from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m., which would require signs to indicate times and dates when parking would not be permitted downtown. Director of Public Works Jack Petkus says the selectmen would need to adopt a parking ban from 7 to 9 a.m. downtown on days when street sweeping occurs.

Before the winter, downtown sweeping occurred at 5 a.m. up to three times a week. The more

residential streets in Andover were brushed about that many times per season.

Petkus says changing to 7 a.m. would save the expense of overtime and address complaints from residents about the early morning noise. He admits the vehicles are loud.

If the change is approved, severe penalties aren't in order for violators.

"Initially I don't think we would do anything," say Petkus. "I think ticketing is severe enough unless it's the same car day after day." Towing would be a last resort.

— Andrea Gregory

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Proponents of a new senior center say seniors need a group room larger than their current dining room, for large group functions, such as their Hawaiian dance last year.

## 2003 won't bring new center

### SENIOR CENTER

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doesn't make you feel any more comfortable."

But pulling out the article doesn't mean Andover is pulling out of the project. Don Robb, a member of the task force, says the group simply believes it needs more time to study project possibilities and it wants to be able to answer people's questions. Knowing the task force members themselves don't have all the answers was a big indication more time is needed, he says.

"We discussed this over a couple of weeks," he says. "We could go to Town Meeting, but we would not be fully prepared."

As the task force started looking through its plans, the difference in cost between building at a new location, such near the West Andover fire station, and expanding the current structure again became a question, he says.

"New construction tends to cost less," says Robb.

Robb says expansion projects can come with hidden surprises, resulting in extra costs. A decision hasn't been made either way, but, he says, the task force will be weighing both options during the next year.

"Once you start touching that location you have to bring everything up to code," says Robb adding, "Even if we did renovations we would have to do some expansion."

One of the critical element the senior center is cur-

rently lacking is a room large enough to hold everyone who wants to attend certain functions or activities. Robb says people have been turned away from events due to lack of space.

"Probably out of all the things that need to be done that's the most important," he says.

**"New construction tends to cost less ... Once you start touching that location you have to bring everything up to code."**

DON ROBB, SENIOR CENTER TASK FORCE, ON ADDING TO THE EXISTING CENTER, THE METHOD RECOMMENDED BY THE TASK FORCE

The economy and government budget problems were a factor in the decision to delay the effort.

"This Town Meeting is going to be making some really difficult financial decisions," says Robb. "Hopefully we'll be looking at a little bit rosier financial picture next year."

The task force plans to come back to Town Meeting next year to ask for construction planning money and again in 2005 for money to carry out the construction plans.

"What I would like to come in with a year from now is the most economical

plan that will do the job for the seniors," says Robb.

He says since the seniors have already waited so long, there was some hesitation in pulling the article knowing it would create a longer waiting period. "I'm sure there's going to be some disappointment," he says. "One more year for these people who have been waiting 10 years is a long time."

According to Robb, several seniors have been supportive of the decision to withdraw the article, because they realize waiting a year might be what it takes to get their center, and believe another year could bring a better solution.

"They really want to make sure that every question that could come up could be answered," Selectman Mary Lyman says. "They didn't want to mislead people."

Lyman says there is a lot involved with the plans. For instance, she agrees having a big room to house large-group activities is a crucial part of the new development, and while the architect's plans contained several possibilities there wasn't a large activity room.

"Most people feel, with the history of Town Meeting, that was the way to go," Lyman says.

Lyman says the next step is to continue working with the architect and she hopes to see an increase in awareness of the work already put into the project, which will continue until 2004 Town Meeting.

### Residents question Congressman

## Meehan bombarded on Iraq

By Andrea Gregory

A single protester stood in the cold last Monday outside the Andover library before a town meeting with Marty Meehan. Dr. Michael Kelly, an Andover resident, held a sign made by his family, reading "peace is the answer." Kelly said he had never really done anything like that before, and was not part of a group or organization.

"I've been finding myself more and more against the war," said Kelly.

While Kelly stood alone outside Meehan's meeting with constituents, he was not alone inside. Many of those at Monday's meeting peppered Meehan with questions about the possibility of war with Iraq.

Meehan made his stop in Andover as part of a series of town meetings with his constituents. He also said they let him know which issues he should go back and research or spend more time on, based on the concerns presented to him.

Complaints poured in and applause followed several statements from Andover residents expressing harsh feelings toward Meehan giving President Bush the sole power to declare war on Iraq.

"His position tonight was under attack and I don't think he had a good answer. He kept saying it's possible there could be another vote, which is not very assuring," Kelly said. "He knows he's going to get a lot of trouble on the Iraq vote."

"I reject the notion that we can attack other nations as a way



Marty Meehan heard from the anti-war crowd at a meeting in Andover on Monday.

of solving terrorism," Meehan said.

He said his vote did not mean he was in favor of war, and defended the vote as one that brought sober international attention to ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction. "We ought to be able to stop this short of war with Iraq," he said.

Meehan said this is not a black-and-white issue and tried to explain the positive aspects of giving Bush the power.

"We wouldn't even have inspections if it weren't for Congress and that vote," said Meehan. "I think that Saddam Hussein destroying his missiles is a good thing."

"He has to defend his vote. It's possible he might regret it now or in the future," said Kelly. "My hunch is that he made a mistake on that resolution giving Bush authority to declare war."

Meehan said he is hopeful Hussein can be disarmed, but posed the question of how and whether a peaceful resolution is a possibility. Meehan added he doesn't think the US can be successful without the same type of support and cooperation it received from other nations immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks.

"There's no way we can have an open Iraq if we attack Iraq," said Laura Craig-Comin, 16, an Andover High student. "They may not trust Saddam Hussein, but I don't think we're the answer."

Craig-Comin came alone. She admitted most people don't really care about politics until they can at least vote, but said it wasn't true in her case.

"Every single issue ties into Bush's mismanagement," said Craig-Comin calling it "the interconnected web of destruction."

She said the war on Iraq would be the most apparent and destructive example of Bush's "mismanagement," but she saw his tax cuts and handling of the economy as problematic, as well.

"Turning the economy around or at least getting it going is on the minds of many people," said Meehan. "I think we need to give companies incentive to hire people."

"I think Marty Meehan is very aware of public opinion on these issues," Craig-Comin. "I'm always glad I can talk and hear other people's opinions and be involved."

### Cable rates

## After November increase, new company

By Andrea Gregory

Andover residents have the option of flipping through numerous channels, but the problem isn't what's on television, it's the growing cost, say residents upset enough to call town officials.

About 10,000 Andover residents may have noticed their latest cable bill coming from Comcast rather than AT&T Broadband. Comcast bought out AT&T Broadband on Nov. 18, 2002, says Marc Goodman, a spokesperson for Comcast. That same month subscribers were faced with the latest price increase for services, the last to come under the AT&T name. Last month the merger became official in New England.

State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) has joined a new committee that plans to act as a watchdog to cable providers.

"It really has become a monopoly," says Finegold. "Consumers always need options."

Comcast is the only option Andover residents have for cable services.

"I'm a cable television fan myself," Finegold admits. "Once upon a time I was paying \$40."

According to him rates have been going up at least triple the rate of inflation.

"I don't think they're going to lower the rates, but we have to make sure they're not going to increase the rates," Finegold says.

But Finegold says price isn't their only concern. Keeping the state up to date with the latest technology is important, he says, as is having services such as video on demand.

"The company is going to invest approximately \$130 million to completely wire the state of Massachusetts," says Marc Goodman, a spokesperson for Comcast.

Goodman says there are towns already upgraded, Andover being one of them. He adds video on demand service will arrive in the region during the next few months.

He says costs haven't gone up and there are no plans at this point to raise prices, only present consumers with more options.

High definition television (HDTV) and video on demand are the first two new options expected.

"The best way to understand it (HDTV) is, it's a much clearer picture than ever before with a wide-screen picture identical to a cinema picture," he says. "You can view digital cable and analog stations."

Jack Dempsey, chairman of

the Andover Cable Advisory Committee, says part of the problem behind all the new technology upgrades is what it takes away from existing service. With the coming of digital cable television, five stations were taken out of the standard cable package.

"They're trying to attract more people to the digital system so they're taking it off the analog system," he says.

He says recently there have not been many complaints about cable. A big problem getting a rise out of Andover residents was the amount of time it took to get a live person on the phone, but Dempsey points out it was a different company at the time.

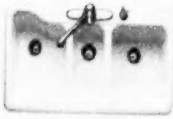
"I think people are most concerned about the price increases that have been coming through," says Dempsey.

According to him, there has been about an eight-percent a year increase and there's no limitations on the amount of increases allowed.

Dempsey says he's been paying attention to the Comcast advertisements priding themselves on customer service.

"We're looking forward to receiving better service than we did from AT&T," he says. "We just hope they're as good as their advertisements say."

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# Clearing path for affordable condos

20 of Haverhill Street's 80 new condos will be affordable, in state's eyes

By Judy Wakefield

The clearing of more than 700 trees and shrubs on Haverhill Street started last week to pave the way for Andover's newest condominium development that will offer affordable housing.

Coachman's Ridge is an 80-condominium project being built across the street from the YMCA. Plans call for 60 condos to be sold at market rate, while another 20 will be affordable to households making 80 percent of the area's median income. Most of the units will have two bedrooms, two bathrooms and two parking spaces.

Andover residents, town employees, Andover natives, and relatives of current residents who qualify will get first crack at buying those affordable condos, according to Planning Director Steve Colyer. That's in accordance with the state's "preference law," which allows towns to set aside affordable housing for residents and employees whose incomes fall within affordable housing guidelines. Colyer said interest has peaked in local preference as real estate has skyrocketed since the 1980s.

"One of the conditions (of the project) is that qualifying eligible applications will be moni-



Workers have cleared the way for a new condominium project across from the Andover/North Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street.

tored by the town," Colyer said. "We plan to do that."

He said nothing has been set up yet, as construction is just beginning.

Pulte Homes of New England is building and selling the condominiums. The company filed a comprehensive permit in August 2001 for the project which will have 56 two-bed-

room, two-bathroom units and 24 one-bedroom, one-bathroom units spread across eight acres. Lawyer Mark Johnson said the market rate for such condos is between \$299,000 and \$349,000. Pulte did not return a phone call before *Townsmen* press time to talk about the prices. Back in 2001 it said an affordable unit would cost about \$140,000.

In addition, there will be 166 parking spaces, which works out to two parking spaces per condo, with one of the two underground. The condos will be built in three buildings.

Pulte's comprehensive permit was the fourth one filed as Andover looks to meet the state's affordable housing percentage. Colyer said the state wants Andover to have 10 percent of its housing classified as affordable. Currently, Andover's rate is 8.52 percent.

The Comprehensive Permit Law allows developers to bypass local zoning in return for making part of their housing affordable. Usually, 25 percent needs

to be deemed affordable. Colyer said communities are subject to comprehensive permits if they are below the state requirement, like Andover.

## Advertising begins

Site sketches on file at the town's planning department show at least 732 trees and shrubs spread on eight acres will come down to make way for Coachman's Ridge.

Just days after the tree-cutting started, so did the advertising for the condominiums.

Colyer said this is Pulte's first venture into New England real estate. Others are planned. The company's New England office is located in Southborough and it placed an advertisement in last Sunday's *Eagle-Tribune* regarding the condos. The condos are advertised as "new luxury condominium homes featuring single level living, elevators and garage parking."

A recorded message boasts that the condos are located just a mile from Route 28. Prices are not disclosed.

## Anti-snob zoning projects on the rise

In August 2001, Andover's zoning board voted on the first comprehensive permit in more than a decade. A developer's bid to build 12 units under an acre at the corner of Lowell Street and Wild Rose Drive was rejected. But, since then, three comprehensive permits have been approved putting affordable housing projects in the works. In addition to Coachman's Ridge, a 72-unit project called Ballardvale Crossing on Dale Street, and Avalon Bay's 136-apartments proposed for River Road in West Andover have been filed. In addition, Northpoint Realty's plan for Powdermill Square at Stevens Street and North Main Street calls for a comprehensive permit.

An apartment project application was recently filed for the vacant Ramada Rolling Green motel on Lowell Street (Route 133). That proposal, which has not yet come before zoning officials, calls for 200 apartments, of which 50 would be affordable.

Under state law all 200 apartments count as afford-

able housing for Andover, which needs 10 percent of its homes to be classified as affordable to prevent developers from using the so-called anti-snob zoning law, Chapter 40B, to skirt local zoning approval.

Colyer said he would have preferred rental units to condominiums at Coachman's Ridge because the entire project would have counted toward affordable housing, not just 25 percent of the project.

Andover is creeping toward its 10 percent state-ordered goal as the affordable units at Ballardvale Crossing, Coachman's Ridge and Avalon Bay will increase Andover's current 8.52 affordable-home percentage. Plus, group homes also count for affordable housing and Andover has a handful of them.

"Each bed in those group homes count and some of them have five beds," Colyer said, noting that he is currently working on a report that tallies up the number of beds in Andover's group homes.

- Judy Wakefield



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by Richard D. Hopgood, D.M.D., F.A.G.D.

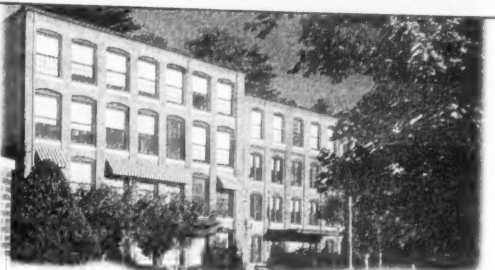


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# Opinion

## Ensuring tax dollars aren't plowed under

ANDOVER OFTEN HAS THE CLEANEST roads in the area each winter – and the largest bills for snow removal. Andover snow-plow operators keep the roads clear and the schools and businesses open. But that doesn't necessarily mean Andover is getting all the bang for its millions that it should.

On the surface, having private contractors check in with town overseers seems a reasonable way to ensure that Andover is only paying money to people who are working. As it is, Andover already pays workers from the moment they are called, rather than from the moment they start removing or plowing snow.

Neither the public works director nor the highway superintendent offers a valid reason workers don't need to check in. The idea that Andover can't ask private workers to check in, as many other workers in America must, because it would insult them, is insulting to taxpayers. Andover can spend tens of thousands on large storms. Private snow-removal workers hired by the town are being paid a minimum of \$60 per hour, with some getting more than \$100 per hour. Other contractors are likely to accept such wads of insults, if Andover's current workers cannot.

### Web question

#### What kind of a snow job is it?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was:

Superintendent Claudia Bach withdrew her plan for a schoolwide furlough to save \$360,000 from the budget for next year. Is Bach placing labor concerns over education concerns?

34 people voted.

• 3, or 9 percent, said "The furlough would have saved a lot of money and some programs. It is too bad Bach is no longer seeing things from that point of view."

• 9, or 26 percent, said "I think non-essential town departments should consider a furlough. Bach said if the town side did it she would do it, too."

• 9, 26 percent, said "Teachers are not paid enough; it is not fair to ask them to lose two days of pay."

• 13, or 38 percent, said "In these hard economic times when so many taxpayers are out of work, two days of pay is a small sacrifice when going to a greater good."

This week's Web question is: **Keeping the roads clear of snow has cost Andover more than \$1.4 million this season, the majority of which has gone to contracted employees. Private Snowplow drivers make \$60 to \$100 per hour, and some more. They do not punch a timecard or check in with any town employee, working on a type of honor system. Is the town putting too much faith and possibly too much money into the snow removal business?**

• Andover roads are always the best around. So what if they don't punch in? The time they work shows in the quality of our roads.

• They should have to check in when their shifts start and end. Someone needs to verify they are actually there and doing the work.

• They're getting paid a lot of money and should be watched more closely. I think they should be checking in every hour. Maybe this is why Andover spends so much more than other towns.

To cast a vote, surf to [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com).

### LETTERS POLICY

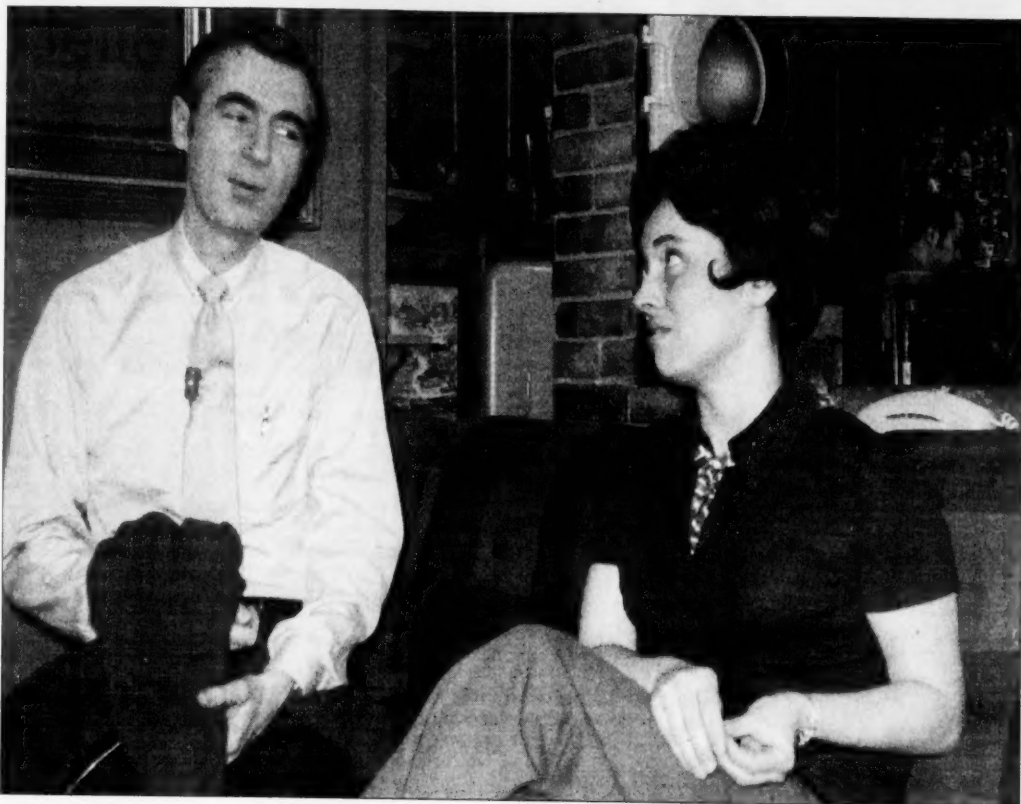
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### NEIGHBORLY DISCUSSION



The late Fred Rogers, known to TV audiences around the world as Mr. Rogers, talks with Andover resident Ann Barber in an old photo. Barber worked on the show in the late '60s and early '70s.

### LETTERS

#### ACT, on its home

Editor, *Townsman*:

We are writing to share Andover Community Trust's vision and to document the steps ACT has taken to build its second permanently affordable, owner-occupied home in Andover, on Heather Drive. We also want to address the confusion that may result from comments made by those who have spoken against this project. The concerns raised have related to wetlands, surface water, water table, ownership, open space and the permitting process.

When Andover Community Trust (ACT) was established in 1992, its vision was the nation's vision – equal opportunity. ACT's founders knew Andover was an attractive community. They also knew this had sharply raised the cost of Andover home ownership, so only the well-to-do could purchase homes. Many who live or work in Andover, including town employees and young adults who have grown up in Andover, cannot afford a home here. Therefore ACT sought to make some housing permanently available for low- and moderate-income citizens.

With house lots starting at \$300,000, purchasing a lot was far beyond ACT's capacity. The first ACT house was built on land donated by a local developer, which complied with all Andover zoning requirements. ACT joined with the Greater Lawrence Technical School to build its first home and many different elements of the community supported the project. While the house was under construction ACT received about 100 applications for it. ACT owner selection criteria give preference to income-eligible applicants (\$40,000-54,000 per household) who live, work or have children in school in Andover. The owner selection committee for ACT's first home included two residents of the neighborhood. The owner was selected in August 2001 and moved into ACT's permanently affordable home in February 2002.

This brings us to 13 Heather Drive. The process followed by ACT has been open and courteous. Last April, ACT invited all neighbors to an information meeting at the ACT lot on Heather Drive. Most neighbors attended. The ACT board shared information about ACT, its mission and hopes for the Heather Drive lot, before any formal plans were complete. Residents expressed concerns about wetlands, water, property lines and open space. Since then ACT has:

1. Submitted a request to the Andover Conservation Commission to determine if there are wetlands on the site. The Conservation Commission decision was appealed by the  
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#### About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file two years ago and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is [www.hudsonvanloo.ca](http://www.hudsonvanloo.ca) and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

## Resident says 'Bye, neighbor' to former boss, Mister Rogers



Neil Fater

be there in stormy times.

When Ann Barber moved to the Pittsburgh area with her husband Donald and their two young children in the late 1960s, it was in the midst of a storm-filled winter. The first "neighbor" she and her children met was Fred Rogers, via his *Mister Rogers Neighborhood*.

"He was on three times a day. The same show," she says. "My kids were fascinated by him. They were just glued when he came on."

Barber and her daughters, Beth, 7, and Bonnie, 5, were so impressed with his welcoming demeanor that Barber sent him a letter of thanks. Next thing she knew, the show's producer was on the phone asking Barber, who had a degree in early childhood education, how she could help the TV program.

Barber spent a few years in the late '60s and early '70s helping on the set, often directing the movement of the puppets on the show.

So when word was announced to the real world that Fred Rogers had died from cancer last Thursday, Feb. 27, Barber felt the loss more greatly than most. After all, Barber, now of Brady Loop, once had been a resident in the Neighborhood of Make Believe.

This week, she found herself remembering the first time she was given control of Lady Elaine Fairchild, "the naughty puppet."

Rogers was the voice of all the puppets, but he only had two hands, and Barber helped out with the others.

Barber called her kids to let them know what she was doing. "They thought it was hysterical when I called and told them I was Lady Elaine Fairchild," she says.

"She did what she wanted to do," says Barber, of the puppet. "If she wanted to insult somebody, she insulted them. Because of that she was my favorite puppet. She was herself."

Barber would kneel on the floor with Rogers for eight to 11 hour days to produce 15 minutes of television time.

"He was definitely the boss of the show, but he was very friendly and very kind to everyone," she says.

A substitute teacher at the time, Barber says kids would always ask her why Mr. Rogers never hopped his magic trolley to the land of Make Believe.

"They wanted to know why he didn't go in there. They wanted to see him in there," says Barber. "He would never go in, because he was controlling all the puppets."

The show was Fred Rogers life, she says – almost literally.

Those famous sweaters he changed into at the beginning of each show?

"His mother made the sweaters for him. Every Christmas she would ask him what color or what type of sweater he wanted for the next Christmas," she says.

One of mom's sweaters now hangs at the Smithsonian Institute.

The mailman on the show, named Mr. McFeeley, was called that because Rogers' mother's maiden name was McFeeley, says Barber. The queen of Make Believe had a southern accent, just as Rogers' wife did.

"The king and the queen were definitely Mr. and Mrs. Rogers," says Barber.

All hail the king. He'll be missed by young parents and children in need of a neighbor they can count on.

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Fred Rogers and Ann Barber, in the 1970s.

### THE THURSDAY FILE

Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy.

ISAAC NEWTON

An ounce of patience is worth more than a pound of ambition.

DAVID BAIRD

Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is insupportable.

SIDNEY J. HARRIS

All glory comes from daring to begin.

EUGENE F. WARE

Absurdity, n.: A statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own opinion.

"AMBROSE DICTIONARY"

Duties are not performed for duties' sake, but because their neglect would make the man uncomfortable. A man performs but one duty – the duty of contenting his spirit, the duty of making himself agreeable to himself.

MARK TWAIN

Friendship without self-interest is one of the rare and beautiful things of life.

JAMES F. BYRNES

If you ask for directions rudely, you may end up 20 miles from your destination.

CHINESE PROVERB

#### Eleanor Roosevelt quotation

Life was meant to be lived, and curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn his back on life.

#### Best quotation sent

Where there is great love, there are always miracles.

WILLA CATHER

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## LETTERS

## Open letter to public school parents

Editor, Townsman:  
Dear Parents:

On March 25, you, along with all registered voters in Andover, will have the opportunity to elect two of five candidates to serve on the five-member School Committee for the next three years. The abilities, character, creativity and dedication of the two candidates ultimately elected to serve on the School Committee will make a difference in your children's education.

According to the town's official Web site, the School Committee has "the power to select and terminate the superintendent, reviews and approves budgets for public education, and establishes educational goals and policies for the schools in Andover."

On Thursday, March 13, the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will sponsor a candidates debate at

Memorial Hall Library at 7 p.m. Candidates will be asked to respond to League-presented questions. In addition, this will be parents' chance to ask the School Committee candidates questions and to determine for themselves who best deserves their vote to oversee the education of their children.

For those who cannot attend, the debate will be televised live on local access cable television, channel 8, and rebroadcast during the week to follow.

I urge you to pay close attention to the candidates' positions and to vote on March 25. Your children's education, our next generation, depends on it.

**Ronna Ponty Markell**  
Chestnut Street  
Chairwoman, voter services  
League of Women Voters  
Andover/North Andover

## Leaders with courage and vision seek peace in Iraq

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to state my opposition to making war on Iraq. I feel very strongly that making war on Iraq would create a dangerous precedent for US foreign policy and for the world.

While Saddam Hussein is a person who has done many bad things, he is not a terrorist. Making war on Iraq will distract us from the real work of eliminating terrorism, which involves giving everyone in the Middle East a place at the table, both economically and politically. A war on Iraq will feed the hatred in the Middle East that Osama bin Laden's organization thrives on, and fuel terrorism rather than eliminate it.

If we make war on Iraq when it has not committed any act of aggression, we will lose

our credibility as a strong leader for peace in the world. In fact, we will contribute to making the world a more volatile and dangerous place. "We are about to do something that will ignite a fuse in this region that we will rue the day we ever started," said Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, (former Head of Central Command for U.S. Forces in the Middle East). With nothing to lose, Saddam Hussein becomes very dangerous. Because we are a powerful world leader, our aggressive bellicose behavior encourages other countries to employ violent behavior to resolve their differences. In an unstable world, peaceful negotiating from a position of strength is the kind of work we should be doing.

Finally, my generation came

of age during the Vietnam era. We know the horrors of a protracted military presence in a place where we are resented and despised. Col. David Hackworth (retired), America's most highly decorated soldier, speaks of war with Iraq as "another bad war that could well lead to another died-in-vain black wall. Or even worse."

It takes courage, vision, and hard work to seek peaceful solutions. I hope that our president will have the courage to listen to the American people, support the UN inspections, and work for peace rather than rushing to war. I urge people who feel as I do to contact their elected representatives, and urge them to do everything they can to stop the war.

**Jane Gossard**  
180 Holt Road

## Hands off pay

Editor, Townsman:

In your latest edition ("Plan to cancel two in-service days nixed," Townsman, Feb. 27) School Committee member

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Christopher Smith stated that the teachers union president's ideas for fixing the budget were "absurd in this economy." Yet, Smith has no problem asking teachers to take a pay cut in "this economy" as part of a proposed furlough.

Teachers have mortgages and bills to pay just like everyone else. Why should they give back part of their salary in "this economy"?

**Robert Ackerman**  
1 Temple Place

## ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## Job experience prepared Tony James

Editor, Townsman:

Voters of Andover should strongly consider voting for Tony James for School Committee. Given the current state of the economy, the state budget crunch and Andover's own budget woes, it makes sense to elect someone to the School Committee who has broad management experience and superior people skills in dealing with budget crises and economic difficulties.

I have known James for more than 20 years as a friend, business colleague and community leader. I first met him at Cabot Corp., a large Boston-based worldwide specialty chemicals manufacturer, where he held a broad variety of positions including general manager of the Asia Pacific and engineering divisions; and vice-president of human resources, strategic planning and safety, health and environmental affairs. He held these positions during periods of strong economic growth and during periods when downsizing was the name of the game across corporate America.

James is an exceptionally skilled listener who ensures that everyone concerned has the opportunity to air their opinions and differences. As an engineer by training, he has incisive problem-solving skills and yet possesses the necessary people skills to bring people together and to negotiate the slippery slopes of town politics.

During his years at Cabot, James not only traveled extensively both nationally and internationally, but also lived in such places as England, Australia, Malaysia and several states in America. His children went to school in most of those locations, and so James has direct knowledge of many different schools systems. Like all of us with children in the Andover schools, James wants the best for his children and the best school system that Andover can afford. A vote for Tony James will be a vote for all of our students and the town of Andover.

**Raymond Cannon**  
54 Abbot St.

## Community guy Art Barber knows how to manage within a budget

Editor, Townsman:

Art Barber has been a tireless volunteer for Andover. From the Ballardvale Traffic Task Force to the Senior Center Task Force and as a long-term Andover soccer coach, he has given his time to help the community.

Now, Barber has undertaken a new challenge. He wants to help the Andover school system through these tough economic times as a member of the School Committee. Barber is uniquely qualified for this role with a doctorate in education, school-superintendent certification, extensive business experience and an in-depth knowledge of Andover.

This is not the free-spending '90s, when the School Committee could rubber stamp every new program put before

it. Tough decisions will have to be made regarding the allocation of scarce resources. As a small business owner, Barber knows how to manage within a budget. Making every school dollar count will be his top priority.

I have known Barber since I moved to Andover more than 10 years ago. From sledding on the hill in his back yard to offering advice about a home-repair project, he has always been willing to share with his neighbors. He will bring this community spirit to the School Committee.

I ask residents to vote for Art Barber for School Committee on March 25. The future of our children depend on it.

**Mike Papa**  
Messinia Drive

## Proven James is a cut above

Editor, Townsman:

The rites of spring will soon begin with the town elections. It is pleasing to see so many candidates running for School Committee, all of them worthy. But there is one who, in my opinion, is particularly outstanding. I refer to Tony James.

These are tough times for Andover, and those elected will have to make difficult choices based on experience and an ability to weather criticism, the inevitable outcome of decisiveness. James is such a person. He, along with his sons and wife, have been active Andover citizens. This is not his first family. He painfully lost his first wife and two daughters to an incurable genetic disease. The pain served to mold greater character, and he has flourished, not only as a father and a man, but as a businessman and executive.

James has been successful in the world of work but has especially proven himself in our community. Those who have watched him have seen a listener, a shaper of consensus and opinion, a creative problem solver, and a man of decisive action and energy. He will hit the ground running.

We need such individuals as James, especially on the School Committee at this time. I heartily endorse his candidacy.

**Larry Larsen**  
Bryan Lane

## ACT: Facts support our effort on Heather Drive

## ■ ACT LETTER

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neighbors to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The DEP wrote, in its decision denying the neighbors' appeal, that "the proposed project will not alter or impact any wetland resource areas and issues the attached determination in agreement with the findings of the Conservation Commission, that the site consists of upland only."

2. The site plan for ACT's single-family home on Heather Drive was then prepared by Andover Consultants, a civil engineering firm. The site plan addressed both the surface-water and water-table issues. Now that the town has installed a sewer for Heather Drive there is no need to add fill for a septic system. The site will be graded to provide positive pitch from the floor slab, with no change in grades along the property lines. The ACT home has been sited and designed so it will not negatively impact any neighbor.

3. The Andover Housing Partnership Committee unanimously voted to support this proposal. Town departments have recommended no changes. The selectmen reviewed the proposal at two meetings and

voted 5-0 to support it.

4. The 1952 Heather Acres subdivision plan and the ACT deed to 13 Heather Drive clearly substantiate ACT's ownership. Legal ownership is based on the deed to ACT filed at the Registry of Deeds. Any neighbor's claim of rights through adverse possession must be proven in land court.

5. More than 100 acres of undeveloped open space lie to the south and east of Heather Drive. ACT's modest single-family home will not impact the open space surrounding the Heather Drive neighborhood.

The home proposed by ACT is a thoughtful, efficient and community-spirited design that will do a small part, for just one family, in improving economic diversity and affordability in Andover. ACT will invite a neighborhood resident to join in selecting and welcoming the new homeowner, as it did for ACT's first permanently affordable home.

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## POLICE LOG



Smoke continued to pour from a Poor Street home well after firefighters arrived at the scene last Friday. Firefighters were able to save the home, though there was significant damage.

## Home uninhabitable

Deputy: Fire ousts Poor Street family 'for awhile'

By Andrea Gregory

A Poor Street family has moved out of its home near Shawsheen Square, following a fire last Friday that caused smoke to pour from its windows.

At 12:12 p.m. on Friday, a 10-year-old boy dialed 911 from his home at 86 Poor St. to report a fire before leaving the property and making it safely to a neighbor's house.

It's not clear if anyone

else was in the house, but no injuries were reported. Deputy Fire Chief Albert G. DelDotto Jr. says the fire started in the second-floor kitchen and spread through the back section of the split level house.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, and the residents of the house have temporarily moved out, according to DelDotto. He says he believes the family is staying in a local hotel.

"That house is not going to be habitable for awhile," DelDotto says.

Shortly after the 911 call on Friday, smoke was seen pouring out the side windows of the house from the street, but DelDotto says the fire's severity was most apparent from the back of the house. The back of the house suffered the brunt of the damage.

"We had a well involved fire on the second level of the house," DelDotto says. He says the fire could have destroyed the entire house, if proper steps had not been taken.

DelDotto says the damage was contained to the second floor, and the fire was under control by 12:30 p.m.

"It was a good stop for the firefighters," DelDotto says. "They did everything right to stop these people from losing their house."



Firefighters leave the front of a Poor Street home. The bulk of the damage was to the rear of the home (see top photo).

## ARRESTS

Thursday, Feb. 27 - At 1:06 p.m., Brandon Marshall, 17, of 18 Chester St., was arrested on Chester Street and charged with distribution of a class D substance and possession of a class D substance. He also had a warrant out for his arrest on the same charges.

Saturday, March 1 - At 11:33 p.m., Brandy Goss, 23, of 175 Summer St., Woonsocket, R.I., was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class D substance. She was also wanted on warrant charges for shoplifting.

Monday, March 3 - At 2:25 p.m., John Torres, 22, of 132 Ashworth Ave., Hampton, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with running a red light, driving with a revoked license and possessing a class D substance.

## THEFTS

Friday, Feb. 28 - At 10:34 a.m., money was reported stolen from a washing machine facility at the Balmoral condominiums on Balmoral Street.

At 12:36 p.m., a Salem Street gas station reported that someone drove off without paying.

Saturday, March 1 - At 3:31 p.m. a shoplifter was caught at CVS.

At 7:01 p.m., a Morton Street resident reported a safe stolen from his house.

## INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - At 6:59 p.m., a Korinthian Way resident reported four of his tires were slashed and his window was smashed with a rock. The sides of his car were also scratched.

Thursday, Feb. 27 - At 8:09 a.m., a sex offense was reported on North Main Street. Police would not reveal additional information.

At 8:16 a.m., an assault was reported on North Main Street.

## HANGING OUT



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Harsh winter weather continued this week. Above, icicles hang from the Abbot Wells Pumping Station on Andover Street, where residents can get free well water.

Friday, Feb. 28 - At 10:32 a.m., there was a sex offense reported on North Main Street. Police would not reveal additional information.

At 2:58 p.m., a Chestnut Street resident reported a male, about six feet tall, with brown hair, wearing a navy blue sweatshirt and jeans, trying to steal the hubcaps off her car in the driveway. The tires were slashed.

Saturday, March 1 - At 12:47 a.m., a Brookside Drive resident reported a tire slashed on one of her cars and the door lock popped on another.

At 3:18 p.m., an Andover man was reported missing for 24 hours.

Sunday, March 2 - At 8:39 p.m., students from the Nathan Hale House reported seeing a male masturbating near the entrance to the Phillips Academy bird sanctuary. An officer reported a male with a red shirt running off into the woods towards South Main Street.

## AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Feb. 27 - At 7:39 a.m., compact discs were report-

ed stolen from a car on Chandler Circle.

Friday, Feb. 28 - At 1:59 p.m., an Acura Integra was reported broken into at the high school.

Saturday, March 1 - At 6:31 a woman reported her white Mustang stolen from a parking lot on South Main Street.

Monday, March 3 - At 1:47 p.m. a car was reported stolen on Frontage Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 - At 4:43 p.m., a Clark Road resident reported her gas cap missing from her rental car while parked in Shawsheen Plaza.

## ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Feb. 27 - from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. three hit-and-runs were reported in different areas of Andover.

Tuesday, Feb. 4 - At 7:44 a.m., a woman hurt her neck in a two-car accident on Regency Ridge road.

## VANDALISM

There were six reported incidents of vandalism this week.

-COMPILED BY BEN HELLMAN

## Nabbed: 'People with fingers in till'

■ PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS  
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collar crime investigations at the bureau. His partner is Bob Parisien, also a retired FBI agent who specialized in organized crime and was trained in electronic surveillance and electronic counter measures.

Now they track down missing property, investigate corporate fraud, run background checks and find people. An example DeCourcy gave of a job Bentley Associates cracked in Andover involved a scam to

sell stolen corporate property on eBay.

DeCourcy got online and won the bid for the materials. Then he set up a meeting with the suspect at a room in the Tage Inn in Andover. Parisien set up hidden cameras in the room before the meeting to record the sale. They handed over the evidence to their client's law firm and testified against the suspect in court. "The guy was found guilty," said DeCourcy.

Parisien has set up pin-hole cameras in corporate counting

rooms. "We've caught people with their fingers in the till," said DeCourcy. When a company has the proof on video, it's not hard to prosecute or to fire the employee, says DeCourcy.

Bentley Associates usually does not do divorce cases, but DeCourcy told one story of a dead-beat dad case they solved. "One of the things we're exceptionally good at is finding people," he said.

DeCourcy belongs to a network of retired FBI agents called the Trapline, which helped him find the father not paying child support. Searches for the man were started in a number of places in the country but didn't pan out. DeCourcy's contacts finally picked up the scent in South Carolina. "He was living on a 52-foot boat," said DeCourcy. "It was one of those cases where they never would have found him."

Searching for birth parents is also something DeCourcy does. One of his clients was a young man searching for his mother who knew her name and the hospital he was born in. It turned out the mother had left birthday cards and instructions for the adoption agency to give him her address if he ever came looking for it.

DeCourcy doesn't carry a gun. "(In investigating) you don't have your life-and-death (situations) that you did in the FBI," he said.

But DeCourcy does get some of the thrill he did in his former line of work. "It's the challenge. There's a situation for you to resolve," he said. And that's what DeCourcy says he does it for.



John DeCourcy, a former FBI agent, is one private eye who works in Andover.

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## TOWN TALK

### Baby born to Smith

School Committee member Christopher Smith's wife Jennifer was readmitted to the hospital this week after she experienced complications in the delivery of their new child. Smith said the complications stemmed from problems with anesthesiology during the birth.

Smith said an expected visit of several hours "turned into 24" this week at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He expected his wife would be kept for 24 to 48 hours longer before coming home. Smith's parents have been minding his children.

Elizabeth Mary Smith was born at 3:38 a.m. last Thursday and is healthy. She weighed 7 pounds, four ounces and has brown hair and blue eyes.

— Ben Hellman

### Quiet in the neighborhood

Ann Barber, of Brady Loop, has been thinking this week about Fred Rogers, star of *Mister Rogers Neighborhood*, following his death last Thursday. Barber worked on the classic kids' show for a few years when she lived in Mount Lebanon, Pa. in the late '60s.

Though Rogers became somewhat more comfortable with crowds after his show became a national sensation, when Barber first met him, Rogers was someone who might not have enjoyed a neighborhood block party, she indicates.

"He was very shy," she says. "He was very comfortable with maybe four people there. If there were more than four, he began to go into a shell a bit."

— Neil Fater

### Psychic signs?

Andover is considering changing the hours it sweeps its downtown streets, and installing signs telling people not to park from 7 to 9 a.m. on street-sweeping days. But one has to wonder what will the signs say, and how people will know when not to park on the streets.

Jack Petkus, DPW head, says there aren't set dates for street-sweeping because sweeping is contingent on the weather. "It's not on the calendar," Petkus says. "It's more on temperature."

The water sprayed by the vehicles will freeze if it's too cold out, says Petkus, so cold days are avoided. Workers also are not going to sweep while snow is on the ground, which can be unpredictable.

Officials may have to give some thought to exactly what the signs banning parking will say.

Petkus says people don't want to see too much clutter downtown with many extra signs, but the town will have to put up some if the ban is approved.

— Andrea Gregory

### Nominations sought for 13th annual Preservation Awards

The month of May is traditionally designated as Historic Preservation Month in Massachusetts. In recognition of the historic preservation efforts of Andover residents and businesses, the Preservation Commission, the Andover Historical Society and the Ballardvale Historic District Commission will host the 13th Annual Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 22 at Memorial Hall Library.

Nominations from the public are encouraged and should be submitted to the Town Manager's Office no later than

## Getting together over food

### NECC cooking instructor draws students into the kitchen

By Andrea Gregory

Cooking instructor Trish Martini doesn't just teach Italian cooking, she tries to turn her classroom into a full-fledged Italian kitchen complete with the food, the aromas and the conversation of an Italian family.

"We all come together like a family," she says. "Everyone is talking by the end of the night."

Martini says she believes family and food go hand-in-hand, and her classes — taught through the Andover campus of Northern Essex Community College at the Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road — strive to incorporate

both into people's busy lives. The classes are available to all residents.

Martini says her Italian-cooking classes are partially about making meals a family activity. "Even if they just do it once a week it's such an important thing," she says. "I just want people to have fun at it, and families to cook and eat well."

Her recipes can usually be on the table in less than 30 minutes. "It's either fast or it's easy or it's both," Martini says about the dinners she teaches her students to make.

Martini says her earliest memories are of cooking, growing up in Australia with traditional Italian parents. By age 6 she was cooking, and by 12 she was making family dinners. She remembers always having family around the kitchen and talking with them while someone was stirring sauces or baking breads.

"My mother was probably my biggest inspiration," Martini

says, telling the story of how her mother moved from Italy to Australia in the 1950s. According to Martini, there were struggles for her mother to hold onto traditional recipes. Things like basic olive oil weren't readily available Down Under until the 1970s, so her mother had to substitute ingredients.

"She had to really improvise and be really creative," Martini says. "Sometime she would be amazed."

According to Martini, part of the problem with inexperienced cooks is they tend to be uptight about cooking and become slaves to the instructions in a

cookbook. Martini says the right attitude to bring into the kitchen is this: "I don't have parsley, so I'll use this."

Martini stresses it's OK to cut corners, for people to take advantage of all the prepared foods out there. She claims everything she cooks with can be bought at the local supermarket.

Frozen chopped onions are still onions, she says, and she encourages people to use such time-saving foods.

She says watching is a big part of learning.

Martini credits the smell of the meals for bringing people together, and says the lingering aromas of dishes like hers will have family members lingering around the kitchen as well.

"You will immediately see this drawing (people) to the kitchen," Martini says. "Food creates a great atmosphere. People walk in, they smell the food and it makes them happy."

Martini encourages people to bring an appetite to her classes, and prepare to enjoy both the



Great atmosphere, continuing education — Cooking teacher Trish Martini never makes the same dish twice for a class, so there's always something new for her students to learn and eat.

food and a relaxing evening. Each class has 12 slots and is open to the public. Martini never cooks the same thing twice for a class so there's always something new for her students to learn and eat.

Her "Vegetarian Italian" class meets March 11. "Italian Desserts" is on March 25 and her most popular class is "Italian Dinner Party" on April 8.

"The Italian (classes) are mostly booked," she says, joking "I've got a bit of a cult following with this one."

But that doesn't mean her

other classes are lacking in popularity. She has another series dedicated to low-fat dishes along with a class showing how get organized in the kitchen and plan ahead, and a class on how people can make their own pasta. She says because they're new, they're not as quick to go, but still expects them to fill up.

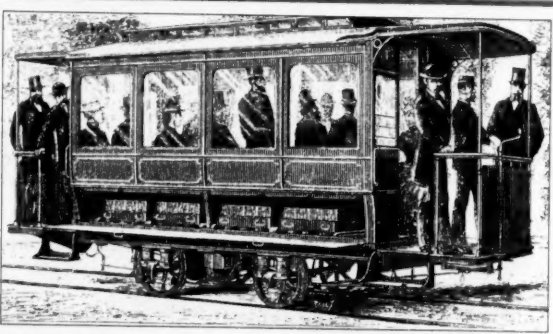
Each of her one-night classes are scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9. They cost \$29, plus the cost of materials, often another \$12. For more information, or to register call 978-556-3800.



Trish Martini says she believes family and food go hand-in-hand.

## Climb aboard the Noontime Lecture Series

Andover Historical Society's Noon-time Lecture Series takes a look at "trolley mania," including "street



railways" such as the one formerly in Andover, whose tracks still lie beneath the Main Street roadbed.

CHARLES BAHNE, vice president of the Boston Street Railway Association, will present "The Trolley Comes to Massachusetts" for the Andover Historical Society's Noontime Lecture Series, Wednesday, March 12.

All noontime lectures are brown bag programs that start at noon. Admission is \$5; \$3 for Historical Society members.

According to Bahne, Boston was one of the first American cities to develop a public transit system in the 19th century. Starting in 1856, horse-drawn "street railways" plied the thoroughfares of the city; and electrically powered streetcars were introduced in

1889. The development of suburbs surrounding the center city soon followed the introduction of mass transit, and Boston was quickly transformed from a constricted seaport into a far-reaching metropolis.

Within a decade after the first electric streetcars were introduced, "trolley mania" reached rural areas as well. Massachusetts soon developed the nation's densest network of electric street railways, serving virtually every town in the eastern half of the Commonwealth.

"The Trolley Comes to Massachusetts" will examine how cities, towns such as Andover, and the countryside were changed by streetcars. Bahne will

discuss some of the technological advances that made these changes possible.

His talk will also look at the inevitable end of the trolley era, when competition from private automobiles drove the street railways out of business in the 1920s and '30s.

Bahne is a graduate of MIT with a degree in urban studies and planning. He is an active historian, and a former president of the New England Chapter of the Victorian Society in America.

Among his publications are an 80-page guidebook, *The Complete Guide to Boston's Freedom Trail*, and numerous articles on the history of Boston's transit system.

## Biking the coast to raise money for cancer

### Nick Lee, AHS '99 grad, plans 2,000-mile bike ride for cousin diagnosed with cancer



Nick Lee will pedal from Florida to Andover next month.

By Judy Wakefield

A COUSIN'S CANCER DIAGNOSIS has prompted a young Andover man to pedal his way up the East Coast to raise money for research.

Nick Lee, 21, who graduated from Andover High School in 1999, plans to ride his bike from Florida to Andover beginning next month. His cousin, Chris Lee, 20, of Duxbury, will be on his mind during the 2,000-mile trek.

Chris and Nick are not only cousins, but best friends. They've spent every summer they can remember, together in Falmouth, and share wonderful memories of working together as lifeguards on the public beaches. It was a shock last fall when Chris Lee's two-month bout with nausea was finally connected to a tumor located behind his stomach. He was diagnosed with lymphoma and chemotherapy started last October. Aggressive radiation treatment was scheduled to start yesterday, Wednesday.

"He's doing really well and just finished up a third cycle of chemo," said

Nick, who talks to Chris daily and visits him every weekend.

Witnessing cancer first-hand made Nick want to do something worthwhile for the cause. He works out often and enjoys cycling, so a benefit bike ride seemed a perfect idea.

Nick and his mother, Lee Lee, will drive a van packed with a modified road bike, and some 60 pounds of gear, including a tent, a sleeping bag and lots of tire tubes, to Fort Myers Beach, Fla. Armed with a map supplied by a company that specializes in bike tours, he will head up the coast, back home to Andover.

He plans to ride for about two months. Nick has family along the coast and a brother in Richmond, Va. and plans to see all of them.

He will be quitting his overnight job at Federal Express Ground in Wilmington. But he will be back home in time to start his summer lifeguard job in Falmouth.

In the good weather, he frequently

bikes 25 miles round trip to his job. He works out five days a week at Andover Training Station in Dundee Park, where he pedals a stationary bike for at least an hour after lifting weights. The workout has gotten him in shape for the bike trip, he said. He is planning to bike at least 50 miles each day.

"I've never done any kind of trip like this before," said Nick, who also likes to run and swim and plans to take part in a triathlon this summer. "It will be tough in the beginning but once I get going it will be OK. I'll have some low-mileage days, but I'll throw in some 100-mile days, too."

Contributions can be made to "Nick's Ride for Cancer," and sent to the law offices of Kathleen Keville, 85 Merrimac St., Suite 407, Boston, MA 02114-4715.

In addition, Nick is accepting donations to help pay for the trip, which is estimated to cost about \$4,000. Those contributions can be mailed to him at 5 Eagle Way, Andover, 01810.



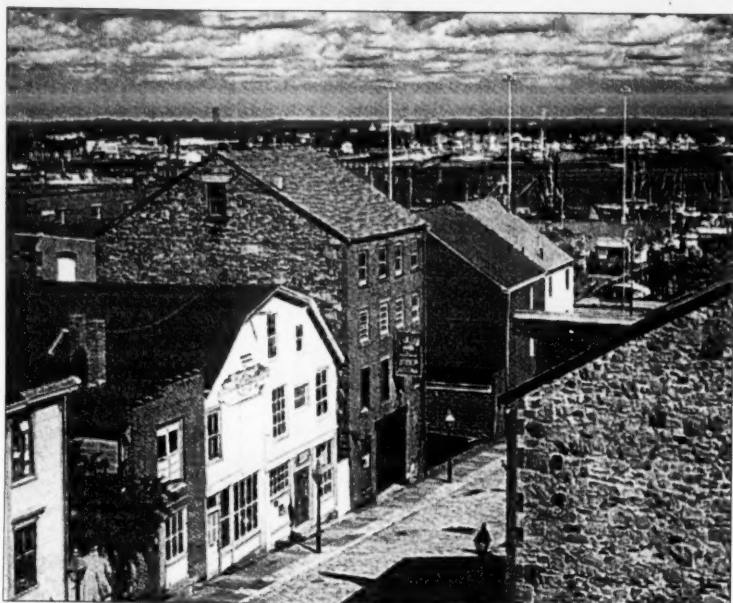


PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
The Andover Historical Society plans a March 22 bus trip to New Bedford, "The Whaling Capital of the World." Author Herman Melville wrote in his masterpiece, *Moby Dick*, "The town itself is perhaps the dearest place to live in, in all New England."

## A whale of a (historically) good time

On Saturday, March 22, the Andover Historical Society will host a spring bus trip to the old whaling city of New Bedford. The tour will include the New Bedford National Historical Park, created by Congress in 1996, the New Bedford

Whaling Museum, the Seamen's Bethel, the schooner *Ernestina*, and the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum. The National Park commemorates the world's pre-eminent 19th century whaling port and the men who made voyages to

every corner of the globe in pursuit of oil. After watching an introductory video, *The City That Lit the World*, the group will enjoy a guided tour of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, established in 1903, which brings

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## FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center:

**Tax Assistance:** AARP volunteer tax preparers will be available Monday and Friday mornings by appointment at the senior center to help with income taxes. Call the center if you would like to schedule a time for tax assistance.

**Meet the Candidates Coffee:** The community is invited to attend a candidate forum at the senior center Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. Come and become familiar with the candidates and their positions prior to the town election.

**Exercise Classes:** The spring semester of exercise classes got underway this week. If you are interested in joining yoga, Tai Chi, women's strength training, aerobics, water workout, cardio conditioning or men's exercise, drop into the center and see about space availability.

**Movie Matinee:** On Monday, March 10 we will show the movie *Snow Dogs* at 1 p.m. This funny and entertaining story was recommended and requested by one of our "in-house" movie critics. Reservations are not necessary - just drop in and join us.

**Merrimack Repertory Theater:** The next play in our subscription series with the Merrimack Repertory Theater will be

*The Drawer Boy*. This is a funny, heartwarming, and ultimately heart-wrenching story about a young theater director. We have reserved seating for the 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 23. Tickets purchased through the center are just \$17, and seating is limited.

**St. Pat's Party:** Come on down and pick up a ticket for our St. Pat's Day celebration Friday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. Music, merriment, and refreshments will be on tap when we treat ourselves to "A Bit Of The Irish" with entertainer Kevin Farley.

**Museum of Science Trip:** Don't miss out on our upcoming trip to the Museum of Science for the fabulous exhibit "Treasures of Ancient Egypt." This exhibit features the largest selection of ancient artifacts ever loaned for public display outside of Egypt. Boston will be the second stop in North America, and the only venue in the Northeast. Trip cost is \$36, which includes bus transportation, tickets to the exhibit, and the Omni Theater presentation, *Mysteries of Egypt*.

**Cooking Light with Herbs:** Rita Wolmering of the Herb Farm will offer a two-session class on cooking with herbs on Tuesday, March 11 and 18, at 10 a.m. This will be a "hands-on" class using both fresh and dried herbs to prepare healthy and tasty dishes. Cost is \$25, which includes instruction and all food materials. Class size is limited; pre-registration is required.

**Alzheimer's Support Group:** The next meeting of the Alzheimer's support group will be held on Monday evening, March 10 at 7. All caregivers or anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. For further information, call Kristine Arakelian at the senior center.

**AARP:** The AARP group will meet again at the center on Tuesday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m. A horticulturist will be on hand to answer your spring planting questions. All are welcome.

**Creative Cooking:** Ed Alessi will return for his popular monthly cooking group Friday, March 14 at 9 a.m. Come enjoy watching him cook, share his recipes and have lunch together. Cost is \$6, and advance reservations are necessary.

**Fix-It Shop:** Our fix-it volunteers will be back in action on Tuesday, March 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fix-it fellows will be happy to take a look at any

small appliance or household item that might be in need of repair.

**Parkinson's Support Group:** The Parkinson's support group will hold its next meeting at the center Thursday, March 20 at 1:30 p.m. Anyone dealing with the issues of Parkinson's disease is welcome to attend. Reservations are not necessary.

**"Le Grand David" Show:** We will be taking a trip to the fabulous show at the Cabot Street Theater on Sunday, March 30 for the 3 p.m. performance of "Le Grand David." Come and see a spectacular troupe of dancers, singers, and illusionists mesmerize the audience with their marvelous acts. Cost is \$30, which includes tickets and bus transportation. Stop by the center for reservations.

**American Artists Slide and Lecture Series:** Gershon Weisenberg will offer a four-session art history slide, lecture, and discussion course focusing on American artists Winslow Homer, John Singer Sargent, Georgia O'Keefe and Edward Hopper. Class will meet on Monday, March 31 and April 7, 14, and 28 at a cost of \$20. Pre-registration is necessary.

**Arthritis Aquacize Informational Session:** There will be an informational session Monday, March 24 at 1:30 p.m. for anyone interested in hearing about a new arthritis aquacize class. This would be a one hour class specifically geared to help strengthen muscles and improve the quality of life for those with arthritis pain. Swimming ability is not required. Call the center for further information or to register for the orientation session.

**Seasonal Scams In Andover:** Plan to join us Friday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. when Detective Mark Higginbottom from the Andover Police Department will present an informative program on seasonal scams that seem to hit Andover every spring. There is no charge, and a continental breakfast will be served. Call the center to make a reservation.

**Stained Glass Workshop:** Sandy Dukeshire from the Essex Art Center will conduct a one day workshop at the center on Tuesday, April 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$40, which includes all materials and the instructor's fee. Pre-registration is required.

## BIRTHS

**ATKINSON** - A son, Owen Charles Atkinson, born to Lisa (Archibald) and Richard Atkinson of Haverhill on Feb. 3. Grandparents are John and Maureen Atkinson of Andover, Geraldine Bousquet of Atkinson, N.H., and Edward Archibald of Haverhill. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Archibald of Haverhill.

**BERUBE** - A son, John "Jack" Leo Berube, born to Garrett and Catherine (Doherty) Berube of Sunset Rock Road on Jan. 4. Grandparents are Cornelia Doherty of West Harwich and Margaret Berube of Andover.

**CHRISTENSEN** - A daughter, Ella Deanne Christensen, born to Amy (Dasher) and Mark Allan Christensen of Pearson Street on Jan. 30. Grandparents are Darwin and Carol Dasher of Winterset, Iowa and Keith and Dee Christensen of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

**DIVINCENZO** - A daughter, Ava Parker DiVincenzo, born to Peter and Jennifer DiVincenzo of 3 Carisbrooke St., Jan. 17 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are Judith Parker of Winchester and the late Richard Parker, and Anthony and Giorgianna DiVincenzo of Beverly. Great-

grandmother is Jenny Jason of Beverly. Ava joins her sister, Gabriella, 6, and brother, Christian, 3.

**LANDRY** - A son, Jake Hunter Landry, born to Jaime (Heller) and Brian Landry of North Andover on Jan. 11. Grandparents are Barbara and Paul Heller and Pat and Jim Landry all of Andover. Great-grandparents are Frances and Samuel Richman of Chestnut Hill, William Valentine of Andover and Aura and Ernest Landry of Nashua, N.H. and Florida. Jake joins sister, Madison Frances, 2.

**LANE** - A son, Ryan Christopher Lane, born to Robin (Palladino) and Christopher Todd Lane of Haverhill on Feb. 10. Grandparents are William and Frances Lane of Salem, N.H. and Stephen and Irene Palladino of Groveland. Ryan joins big sister, Madelyn Elizabeth.

**LOMASNEY** - A daughter, Shea Frances Lomasney, born to Sheryl and Tim Lomasney of Andover on Feb. 9. Grandparents are Phillip H. Mason of Amherst, N.H. and Teresa F. Lomasney of Danvers.

**LUNDGREN** - A son, Eric Chapin Lundgren, born to Marya (Chapin) and Scott Richard

Lundgren of Andover on Jan. 26. Grandparents are Margan and Richard Chapin of Georgetown, Maine and Jean and C. Richard Lundgren of Boxford. Eric joins her sister, Cora, 3.

**MARTIN** - A daughter, Jenna MacKenzie Martin, born to Laurie (Rittershaus) and Steve Martin of Andover on Feb. 5. Grandparents are H. Francis and Joyce Rittershaus of Andover and Herman and Angie Martin of Bristol, R.I. Great-grandparents are Maurice and Mary Needham of Andover. Jenna has a sister, Samantha Delaney, 28 months.

**WATROUS** - A son, Nathaniel Philip Watrous, born to Coleen (Gallagher) and Bruce Watrous of Andover on Feb. 12. Grandparents are Lillian Gallagher of Pawtucket, R.I. and Fred and Alice Watrous of Pawcatuck, Conn. Nathaniel joins her brothers, Andrew, 11 and Patrick, 6.

**YOUNG** - A daughter, Skyler Payton Young, born to Scott and Helen Young of Sudbury on Jan. 16. Grandparents are John and Chris Beattie of Hopkinton and Robert and Theresa Gorey of Andover.

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## SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

**Andover-North Andover AARP** will have horticultural expert **Jack McLay** as its speaker Tuesday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m. The chapter meets monthly, September through June, at the Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court.

"Getting Ready for Spring" is the title of McLay's talk. Come with questions about how to rescue plants from the ravages of winter, which fertilizer to use, or find out how to get a lawn to prosper.

AARP chapters augment the work done by national AARP to support and assist seniors. Guests are always welcome. There will be refreshments.

Students at **West Middle School** were among those throughout the area who donated warm winter coats to help thousands of needy children, men, and women as part of the Anton's Cleaners Coats for Kids drive.

The school received a second-place award for the students' generosity. The school had the second-highest pupil-per-donated coat ratio among all middle schools. For their efforts, the students will receive a make-your-own-sundae party from Brigham's Ice Cream. In addition, the school receives a gift certificate to Hammett's Learning World and a cash award.

According to Anton's, there were 240 elementary and middle schools that participated in

Coats for Kids. A record number of coats - 51,271 - were donated by residents throughout eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

**Congregation Tifereth Israel of Andover**, a Jewish congregation serving Andover and surrounding communities, will participate in a nationwide event called **Shabbat Across America**.

Tomorrow, March 7, tens of thousands of Jews across America will come together to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate and celebrate at the 7th annual Shabbat Across America.

Hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in this historic event to celebrate what unifies all Jewish people - observing a weekly day of rest ("Shabbat" in Hebrew).

Congregation Tifereth Israel, at 501 South Main St., will be one of approximately 750 synagogues across the country that will simultaneously open its doors to practicing and non-practicing Jews alike, so they may join together to experience and rejoice in a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal. Led by **Rabbi Deborah Slavitt**, attendees will experience an interactive Friday night beginners service and a traditional Shabbat dinner with all the rituals explained. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. It will coincide with the monthly Tot

Shabbat for young children.

Reservations are necessary, and there is a nominal charge for dinner. Call CTI at 978-474-0540 to reserve a place.

**The Andover Department of Community Services** has openings in some of its adult education programs beginning this week.

**Setting Goals - Getting What you Want Out of Life** (\$26 registration fee plus materials) will be held tonight, Thursday, March 6, at Andover High School.

**Interior Design** (\$32 resident registration fee) will be held March 5 and 12 at the High School, while an eight-week **Bridge** (\$48 resident registration fee) class will begin March 5 at the Senior Center.

All of the classes listed above, except for the two new programs, are seasonal favorites. **Introduction to Veterinary Homeopathy** is a new program offered by **Martha Lindsay, DVM**. Participants will learn about using minute amounts of natural substances to treat pet health problems. Learn how to recognize when a pet is first becoming ill and when to choose conventional of homeopathic medicine or both.

Also new this winter is the **Setting Goals** workshop offered by **Kathy Goodson**. She will teach how to get the things you want in life: Get that new job, take that vacation, buy that house, start that business you have always wanted to. Leave her workshop with a roadmap to help make dreams come true, organizers said. A \$10 material fee is paid in class in addition to the course fee.

For more information and to register for the above programs, contact the Department of Community Services, 36 Bartlet St. Call 978-623-8274.

**The Mother Connection's Annual Craft Fair**, scheduled for Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Marland Place, will have representatives from Longaberger, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys and more.

For more information about attending the event or participating as a vendor, contact Paula at 978-474-0925.

If you have ever wanted to learn more about **Habitat for**

**Humanity**, join them at their next orientation Saturday, March 8 from 9 to 11 a.m.: meet at 57 Railroad St. in Lawrence.

They will tour the neighborhoods in which Habitat builds, meet other volunteers and homeowners, learn about volunteer opportunities and visit the worksite. To reserve a place, call the Habitat office at 978-681-8858.

On Friday evening, March 7 at 5:45, **Temple Emanuel of Andover**, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, will hold a special abbreviated Sabbath service for toddlers, preschool, and young school aged children.

**Rabbi Robert Goldstein** will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story. **Cantor Donn Rosenzweig** will lead the singing.

Parents and children are invited to attend a family shabbat dinner immediately following the service. To make a dinner reservation, call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

No reservation is needed for the Tot Shabbat Service.

**The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days** will arrive with the early spring. You can help fight cancer by purchasing fresh flowers March 24-28. Funds raised during Daffodil Days support cancer research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

For a sale location near you, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS 2345.

This year the **Andona Society** will award five \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors whose official permanent residence is Andover.

One of these awards will be designated as a 766 PAC scholarship. Seniors attending **Andover High School, Greater Lawrence Technical School**, or a private school are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

Applications are now available at the Andover High School guidance office. Private school seniors can obtain applications from the Memorial Hall Library website: <http://www.mhlib.org/temprandona.htm> or by mailing a request to: Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, MA 01810.

Attn: Lauren Silk.

AHS applications must be received in the school guidance office by Tuesday, April 15.

Private school and other postal applications must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 15.

The Andona Society, a non-profit charitable organization founded in 1952, raises money to benefit Andover youth programs. Andona has pledged \$50,000 to the Andover Youth Center over the course of four years. Last year, Andona contributions included: Destination Imagination Team, Windrush Farm, Special Olympics Swimming, Shakespeare in the Skate Park, AHS sports teams, AHS marching band, community service programs, aquarium and science museum passes for town residents, elementary and middle school cultural enrichment programs and after school programs at the middle schools. In addition, the organization provided financial assistance for forty-two Andover youth to attend camp last summer.

Contact **Martha Hyslip** at 978-688-9942.

## CARDIO KIDS



Sixty fourth- and fifth-graders at Sanborn School raised more than \$2,600 for the American Heart Association during the Valentine's Day Jump Rope for Heart. Pictured here jumping is fifth-grader Emily Lemay with her team in the back row. From left are: Anne Thomson, Rebecca Jacobs, Brittany Ross, Kelsey Lim and Kaleigh Timmins. The money raised will support medical research for programs such as Heart Power, which helps prevent heart disease and stroke. This is the 10th year that Sanborn School has held this event.

## Historical trip planned

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to life the rich history of American whaling in the age of sail. Participants can even climb aboard the world's largest ship model, a replica of the *Lagoda*, and see scrimshaw, logbooks, and artifacts of the whaling industry, including a 66-foot skeleton of a rare blue whale.

Herman Melville shipped out of New Bedford and remembered sites like the Seamen's Bethel when he wrote *Moby Dick*. The city was also an important stop on the Underground Railroad. Frederick Douglass escaped to New Bedford and found his voice for freedom as a leading abolitionist orator there.

After lunch at Freestone's, known for its award-winning food, the group will be transported back in time to 1834 and the golden age of sail at the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden in the afternoon. This Greek Revival mansion belonged to a whaling merchant and is among those New Bedford mansions Herman Melville called "brave houses and flowery gardens."

The cost of the bus trip is \$65; \$50 for Andover Historical Society members. Space is limited to 25 and pre-registration is required. Participants will meet the bus at the Historical Society, 97 Main St., for departure promptly at 9 a.m. Call 978-475-2236 for more information.

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## OBITUARIES

## Charles A. Hill Jr.

Owned C.A. Hill and Co. Electrical Contracting

Charles A. Hill Jr., 87, a lifelong Andover resident, died Saturday, March 1 at Lawrence General Hospital.



Charles A. Hill Jr.

Born and educated in Andover, he graduated from Pynchard High School in 1934 and was a post-graduate of Phillips Academy in 1935. He graduated from Amherst College in 1939.

He owned C.A. Hill and Co. Electrical Contracting in Andover until his retirement in 1993.

He was active in the Amherst College alumni fund-raising program and was a member of Phi Delta Theta. He was awarded the Golden Legion Award by Phi Delta Theta.

Family members said he was an animal lover.

He was the widower of Ruth C. Hill.

Members of his family include daughters, Carol Hiers of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Linda Battles of Haverhill; and four grandchildren. He was also the father of the late Judy Savino and the brother of the late Dorothy Combs. In addition, he was the former husband of the late Ruth C. Hill.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North East Animal Shelter, 204 Highland Ave., P.O. Box 4506, Salem, MA 01970.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

## Irene Jones

Lived here since 1957

Irene (Haagensen) Jones, 94, of Andover, died Saturday, March 1 at the Prescott House Nursing Home.

Born in Ashtabula, Ohio, she grew up in Michigan and Illinois. She raised her family in Fanwood, N.J., and moved to Andover in 1957.

She was a member of South Church and Daughters of the American Revolution.

## OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

She was the widow of J. Keith Jones.

Members of her family include daughters, Suzanne and her husband Henry Carr of Delmar, N.Y., and Natalie Jones, of Alabama; sisters, Henriette Granath of Seattle, Wash. and Louise Obrig of North Andover; three grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Memorial contributions can be made to South Church Andover, 41 Central St., Andover, 01810; or to the charity of one's choice.

Graveside services in Raleigh, N.C., will be held at the convenience of the family. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

## Louise Solari

Family ran restaurant in Boston for 40 years

Louise (Gravini) Solari, 93, of Andover, died Thursday, Feb. 27 at the MI Nursing & Restorative Center in Lawrence.

She was born and educated in Boston.

She and her husband founded and operated The Express Grill in three different locations in the North End of Boston for more than 40 years.

The family moved to Andover in 1951.

She was the widow of Anthony Solari.

Members of her family include son and daughter-in-law, James A. and Tina Solari of Andover; a sister, Jenny Gravini of Everett; a grandson with whom she lived, Anthony Solari of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to MI Nursing & Restorative Center, 172 Lawrence St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

## Alston W. O'Hara

Enjoyed active retirement from the Air Force

Alston Wilson "Al" O'Hara, 70, died Wednesday, Jan. 29 in Bonham, Texas.

He was born in Berlin, N.H., and grew up in Andover.

He served in the Air Force for 26 years, retiring in 1977 as a chief master sergeant. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, where he served as a weapons munitions specialist. He was also a master instructor in the Department of Field Training and a member of the Field Training Old Timers Association.

After retiring from the Air Force, he worked as a maintenance supervisor at the Wichita Falls (Texas) State Hospital for 16 years.

Family members said he also did volunteer work at the hospital and was involved with the Boy Scouts.

His hobbies included fishing, bowling and going to his grandson's soccer games and practice. He also loved spending sum-

mers at Lake Texoma and traveling.

Members of his family include his wife of 44 years, June O'Hara; a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Stephanie O'Hara, of Wichita Falls; sisters, Lucy Hilton of Hampton, N.H., and Geneva O'Hara of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and a grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Wichita Falls Region, 901 Indiana Suite 350, Wichita Falls, TX 76301.

Funeral services were held at Hampton Vaughan Crestview Funeral Home in Wichita Falls. He was buried at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls.

## Betty Peterson

Worked in Phillips Academy's development office for many years

Betty (Sherman) Peterson, 85, who was born in Andover and formerly lived in Gilford, N.H., died Thursday, Feb. 27 in Orlando, Fla., where she had lived since 1999.

Mrs. Peterson was a graduate of Pynchard High School in Andover and the Chamberlain School, Boston.

While living in Andover, she attended the West Parish Church, was a member of the "Beaners Group," Womens Circle, and worked for the director of development at Phillips Academy for many years.

When her family moved to Gilford, she joined the staff of the Gilford Community Church as a secretary to its pastors in 1973. She retired in 1984 and continued to be an active member of the church, the Gilford Pairs and Spares and the Friends of the Gilford Library.

She was the widow of Elmer O. Peterson who died in 1996.

Members of her family include daughter and son-in-law, Diane L. and Elliott Taylor, of Orlando, Fla.; sons and daughters-in-law, David S. and Sandy Peterson of Kingston, N.H., Donald R. and Kathy Peterson of Florencia, Colo.; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 N. Michigan, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL, 60611-1676 (memo the check "Research, in memory of Betty Peterson").

There were no calling hours. Friends and relatives are invited to attend funeral services in the Gilford Community Church, Potter Hill Road, at a later date.

## DEATHS

Ruth Clement, 93  
Margaret M. Collins, 91,  
Robert T. Crosby, 51  
George "Boiza" Giles, 68  
Charles A. Hill Jr., 87  
Irene Jones, 94  
Violet V. McCarthy, 90  
Alston Wilson O'Hara, 70  
Betty Peterson, 85  
Arthur F. Riopelle, 78  
Louise Solari, 93

to be announced.

Arrangements are by the Dewhirst Funeral Home, 1061 Union Ave., Laconia, N.H.

## Margaret M. Collins

Andover native, worked in local banks

Margaret M. Collins, 91, formerly of Andover and Methuen, died Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Heritage at North Andover.

Born in Andover, she was educated in the Andover public schools and graduated from Cannon Commercial College in Lawrence.

She attended St. Mary's Church in Lawrence and St. Augustine Church in Andover for many years.

She was employed at the Arlington Trust Co. and its successor, Shawmut Bank, until her retirement. She was a member of the Holy Family Auxiliary.

Members of her family include several cousins. Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844.

Arrangements were by Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

## Violet V. McCarthy

Worked as receptionist in dental office

Violet V. (Hockney) McCarthy, 90, of Newton, N.H., died Monday, Feb. 24 at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Born in Lowell, she was educated in Lowell public schools and graduated from Lowell High School.

She was a resident of Newton since 1945, and previously lived in Andover.

## DEATHS ELSEWHERE

CROSBY - Robert T. Crosby, 51, of North Andover, died Friday, Feb. 28 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. He worked at Hewlett Packard/Agilent Technologies in Andover.

RIOPELLE - Arthur F. Riopelle, 78, of Seabrook, N.H., died Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Prior to his retirement, he worked at Raytheon in West Andover.

She was employed as a receptionist in the Haverhill office of Dr. William H. Sullivan, DDS, until her retirement in 1985.

She was a member of Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Newton.

She was the widow of Daniel E. "Eddie" McCarthy, who died in 1965.

Members of her family include daughters, M. Kathleen McCarthy of Newton, Mary Jo McCarthy of Newton and Worcester; sons, John F. McCarthy of Haverhill, Daniel E. McCarthy of Somersworth, Jere McCarthy of Margate, Fla.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rebuilding Together/Christmas in April, Box 5161, Haverhill, MA 01835.

Arrangements were by C. Frank Linnehan and Son Funeral Home, 129 Kenoza Ave., Haverhill.

## George "Boiza" Giles

Former general manager of the Indian Ridge worked in sales

George "Boiza" Giles, 68, of Harwich and formerly of Lawrence and Andover, died Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Beth Israel-Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

He was born and educated in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High School.

Mr. Giles was a member of the Lawrence High School golf team. He also played basketball and was captain of the basketball team in 1953, his senior year.

He was a member of the Indian Ridge Country Club. He was also a member of St. Patrick's Church in South Lawrence.

Mr. Giles managed and was the general manager of the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover for about six years before working as a sales representative for Capital Distributing Co.

Twice he earned "salesman of the year" honors at the company, where he worked for about 25 years until his retirement.

Family members said he was

an avid sports fan and loved all sports, especially golf. He was an avid golfer who played in the Rogers Golf Tournament for a few years.

Members of his family include his wife, Jean C. (Murnane) Giles of Harwich; sons, Wayne Giles of Meredith, N.H. and Robert Salisbury of Orleans; daughter, Mary Anne and her husband Matthew Kenney of Tyngsboro; a brother, John Giles of California; sisters, Viola Fishwick of Lawrence and Carolee Beveridge of North Andover; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Trinity, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Route 28, West Harwich, MA 02871.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen.

## Ruth H. Clement

Longtime proprietor of dress shop at 1 Main St.

Ruth Hammond Clement, 93, a former resident of Andover's Shawsheen Village, died from complications of Alzheimer's and cancer Thursday, Feb. 27, in Cumming, Ga.

For many years, she was the proprietor of the Ruth Hammond Dress Shop at 1 Main St. in Andover.

She was a graduate of Abbot Academy and the Pratt Institute.

Mrs. Clement was a former resident of Delray Beach, Fla. and most recently of Alpharetta, Ga.

She was the widow of David Scott Clement.

Members of her family include her nephew and stepson, Gordon E. Clement of Alpharetta; niece and stepdaughter, Gretchen Briden of Brevard, N.C.; and nieces, Nancy Lamb of Lexington and Barbara Baldwin of Long Beach, Calif.

Family members said she was a 10th generation direct descendant on her maternal side of Roger Williams, founder of the state of Rhode Island.

Her cremated remains will be buried in the family lot in West Parish Cemetery.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

## 100 Years Ago - 1903

E.C. Pike has been awarded the contract to install a new boiler at the town farm.

The cake sale at the Christ Church parish house last Saturday afternoon by the Girls Friendly society was very successful. A four o'clock tea was served.

The Mother's Club will meet Friday, March 6, at the kindergarten rooms, at 3 o'clock.

The grocery stores in town will close next Monday, town meeting day, from noon until 5 to enable the proprietors and clerks to take part in the discussion of town affairs.

The private dinners at the Phillips Inn are now served around a round table.

## 75 Years Ago - 1928

A crowded house greeted members of the St. Augustine's Dramatic Club last Friday night when they presented an amusing three act comedy, "Stop Thief"

by Carlyle Moore at the Town Hall.

The article in the Town Warrant asking for an appropriation of \$1,000 in order that an architect may make a study of the school lot on Bartlet Street and make preliminary plans for a school building or addition to the building thereon, which is sponsored by members of the League of Women Voters, was the subject of special discussion at their meeting held at the Guild House Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Florence Kimball is ill with the gripe at her home on Central Street.

Hoop skirts, Kate Greenway costumes, stiff brocades, powdered wigs, and gold lace vied with conventional evening dress to make the Washington Ball held Tuesday evening in the Town Hall under the auspices of the Andover Historical Society quite the most picturesque party held in Andover this year.

The death of the late Thomas

E. Rhodes automatically removes his name from the ballot being prepared for the town election.

An exhibition of the manual training work done by pupils of the Stowe Junior High School will be held Thursday evening, April 26, between the hours of 7:30 and 9.

## 50 Years Ago - 1953

The *Townsmen* will move Friday into new and much larger quarters at 70 Main St., where it will occupy the entire second floor of the old Abbot home, over the offices of Dr. Charles Currier.

The issues and personalities injected into the contests in the coming town election Monday, March 2 are expected to bring out a fair-sized representation of voters if weather conditions prevail on that day.

The finance committee approved Article 3 in the town warrant calling for a \$5 per

week increase for town employees, provided the article is amended to exclude employees of the Memorial Hall Library as well as the School Committee.

The Andover chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, newly organized in the junior high school, held its first yearly induction ceremony in the Pynchard High School auditorium last Friday.

The 1953 town warrant contains requests for appropriations of \$1,565,157.11, the largest in the town's history, and even the pruning knife applied by the finance committee can pare it down only to an amount that will increase the tax rate by \$2.

Tree Warden George R. Abbott is convalescing at his home on Upland Road after a recent operation at Lawrence General Hospital, and expects to return to his duties in a few days.

- Compiled by *Townsmen* intern Kyra Auffermann

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# Education

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

### 5 respond to questions on furlough; town vs. school spending

**Candidate:** Louis Velazquez, MD  
**Age:** 41  
**Profession:** child psychiatrist, special education consultant to the Lynn School System  
**Children in schools:** 7th grade daughter at West Middle and a son in preschool.



Louis Velazquez

VELAZQUEZ agreed with Bach's decision to withdraw the furlough, but he didn't think it should have been put forward at all. "I don't think Dr. Bach should have made such an offer without the entire town government making a similar offer," he said.

Velazquez sympathizes with the teachers over the furlough. "I think it's a difficult time to ask people to take a furlough, symbolically. You put them on the spot, it's their livelihood. Peo-

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**Candidate:** Art Barber  
**Age:** 51  
**Profession:** currently the owner of two Mobil gas stations, previously in private industry, but licensed to teach, be a principal, secondary principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent.



Art Barber

**Children in schools:** two daughters, 9th and 11th grade at the high school. Wife Connie Barber is a kindergarten teacher at South Elementary.

BARBER did not agree with withdrawing the furlough plan. He said the furlough could have saved seven to nine union jobs and the membership may have felt differently than its leadership on the matter. "I think the union members ought to have had an opportunity to respond over and above the

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**Candidate:** Tony James  
**Age:** 61  
**Profession:** Retired. Previously a vice president for Cabot Corp., Boston, a global special chemical company.



Tony James

**Andover Civic:** Support Our Students, 2002 Proposition 2 1/2 override committee member.

**Children in schools:** Two sons: 8th grade at Doherty, 10th grade at Andover High.

JAMES said Bach's furlough plan may have been a good idea when she suggested it. "It's easy to say with hindsight that that was incorrect," he said. He added not everyone is privy to the sorts of conversations that encouraged Bach to put forward the plan.

James does think the schools should have more money, but said it was "unreasonable, inappropriate" to say it should be taken out of town department budgets.

Instead James says the town needs to be more liberal in its assessment of tax-revenue growth. He referred to a line the town manager's executive summary that reads "The town assessor has projected that the new growth for FY-2004 will be a conservative \$1.5 million."

"Let's have a look at how conservative (they're being)," said James. He believes the town might be discounting possible revenue dollars that the schools could use.

**Candidate:** John Roberts  
**Age:** 53  
**Profession:** Owner of a real estate development company that develops commercial shopping centers.



John Roberts

**Andover Civic:** Vision 21 committee member, Special Education Parent Advisory president.

**Children in schools:** two sons: 11th and 12th grade, at Andover High.

ROBERTS agreed with Bach's withdrawal of the furlough because it was made public before the union was given a chance to respond to it.

"Overall it's a great idea, but it's hard to sell it before you get support," he said.

Roberts said, to his understanding of the Town Meeting warrant process, the time for getting further funding from the town departments is over because the warrant is closed. "There's a lot of rhetoric without any reality," said Roberts.

But Roberts said the schools should look for new sources of revenue. Renting school facilities to local colleges or institutions that could run extension programs was a suggestion. He believes there are untapped resources and means for raising money if the right people are asked. "There are a lot of smart people in Andover," said Roberts.

**Candidate:** Gerry Gustus  
**Age:** 47  
**Profession:** Sales, Arrow Electronics.  
**Andover Civic:** Andover School Committee member, three years.



Gerry Gustus (Incumbent)

GUSTUS said the furlough plan was an innovative idea, but he agreed with the superintendent's withdrawal of it. Because the teachers' salaries formed the significant savings of the system wide furlough, he said the pressure to save jobs was placed on the teachers.

"If they voted against it, the cuts would have become the teachers' cuts," he said.

Gustus has been the loudest School Committee proponent for seeking additional school funding from the town. He has repeatedly said the schools in Andover are underfunded and the governing bodies of the town should find some way to "funnel" money from town departments to the school side. "I don't think that the town has made any substantial cuts at all," he said this week.

Gustus didn't have any suggestions as to where more money for the schools should come from in the town budget. He says it is the Board of

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES were asked two questions this week to give an idea of their stances on school issues and resourcefulness. The questions were:**

1. Should Superintendent Claudia Bach have withdrawn the two-day furlough plan?
2. Should the School Committee seek more money from the town to fund the schools? If so, where should that money come from in the town budget?

— Ben Hellman

## Industrial arts on the chopping block

By Ben Hellman

West Middle School student Corey Richard is putting the finishing touches on his wood-shop project – a dulcimer – and it's a beauty. Corey sands the edges of the auburn-colored, wooden musical instrument until they are smooth and rounded.

Industrial arts teacher John Fawcett looks on admiring the craftsmanship of the object. "People call it cherry, but it's really American Black Cherry," he says.

Corey and his class are making the dulcimers this year in industrial arts. A dulcimer is a four-stringed Appalachian-country instrument that was popular during the Industrial Revolution. As part of the integrated arts program, students will build the instruments, then, later this year, learn to play them. Teachers say this adds to the students' historical study of the Industrial Revolution.

The project may be the best example of how the integrated arts program offers interdisciplinary learning, says Fawcett.

But more than that, he says, the completed project can make any student feel good about themselves. "They will have an object in their hands that everybody wants in their hands," says Fawcett.

Such a project will be impossible next year if Superintendent Claudia Bach's preliminary budget – which cuts all funding to integrated arts – is approved by the School Committee.

Most of the students in Corey's class have completed the instruments, but several stayed after school this week to buff and string them. Some are interested in music, some in design. Some are good students in other classes; some are not. What brings them together is they all show



At left, Erin McAuliffe tightens the strings on her mountain dulcimer. At right, industrial arts teacher John Fawcett helps Marco Cusumano-Towner with the strings on his dulcimer. Fawcett says making the folk instruments is the best example of how the integrated arts program offers interdisciplinary learning. The industrial arts program could be a victim of budget cuts in the coming year.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

pride in their work.

Student Dan Greeley takes an advanced math class at the high school and worked on his dulcimer almost exclusively after school. He worked extra hard – and made Fawcett work harder too – to customize his dulcimer with shamrock-shaped sound holes instead of the heart-shaped holes most of his classmates made. "I'm Irish, so I figured I'd add my personal piece to it," he says.

Connie Cheng, a pianist, says music helps her to relax. She went way off the beaten path in her project, choosing a tear-drop shaped instrument to build instead of the hour-glass-shaped dulcimers her classmates made. Connie appreciates the chance to take the raw materials and make something

with them, she says. "It's interesting to see how pieces of wood become something that makes music," says Connie.

Even Kelly Toomey, who broke her dulcimer early on and was not thrilled to stay after to finish the instrument, was happy to have a finished product. "It was a pain in the butt," whispered Toomey while Fawcett was out of earshot. But when he did come to look at the instrument, she asked if she could take it home to show her mother.

Fawcett says industrial arts levels the playing field for students. "There's a load of kids who are not academics," says Fawcett. For students who excel in academics without much work, industrial arts forces them to put in time and effort. For students who do not excel in academics, patience and

hard-work can yield a good result.

That can pay off for the below-average student, says Fawcett, because it builds self-confidence. "They have to feel good about themselves to learn," he says. "That's what turns a human on."

Fawcett doesn't like to see kids miss the opportunity that industrial arts provides. "Most of what they do in school is abstract," he says. When the program is shut down next year, Fawcett, a 27-year Andover teacher will teach another subject, but the wood shop will be locked up and this sort of experience will be lost, he says. "The town of Andover has none – zero experiences like this. I think this is a mistake," he says.

The opportunity to build and learn

to play an instrument is not usual, says Fawcett.

"Everything just came together," he says. Redistricting left this class section with 15 students, a manageable group to guide through the complex task of building an instrument. Fawcett saw the opportunity to do something special, and applied for outside funding and worked with outside friends and music teacher Adrienne Casselle to make this project an enriching one.

The class has already had a dulcimer demonstration by Lowell State Park ranger Alex Deames, a music and Industrial Revolution expert. Fawcett has other guests scheduled to come to the school. Casselle will teach the class to play the instruments when she gets them in music later this year.

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## ON CAMPUS



Jennifer Leah Byers

Jennifer Leah Byers of 1 Carriage Hill Road, a student at Andover High School, has been granted an ARTS (Arts Recognition and Talent Search) Merit Award in Visual Arts. She was selected from 4,143 applicants to ARTS and is one of 39 Merit winners in Visual Arts. Although a cash grant does not accompany a Merit Award, the National Foundation for Advancement in the ARTS (NFAA's) of ARTS awards are given for artistic achievement and promise.

Christopher Piazza, son of Louis and Debra Piazza of Andover, has been named to the commended list at Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J. He achieved this honor by maintaining a minimum 4.5 average on a 6.0 scale in his courses for the fall term.

Andrew Scully, a junior, was awarded a varsity letter in football at Suffield Academy's Fall Athletic Awards Assembly on Dec. 5.

He is the son of Mick Scully and Debi Cobb of Andover.

Suffield Academy is an independent, coeducational college preparatory school Suffield Conn.

Nearly 240 Plymouth State College students in Plymouth, N.H. have been named to the

Plymouth State College dean's list for achieving a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the fall semester of the 2002-03 academic year.

Students named to the PSC dean's list include Casey Rillahan of Andover.

To be eligible for the dean's list students must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester. These credit hours must be in courses that earn grade points and students must have completed all such courses attempted.

Sixty-seven students from 30 cities and towns were honored at Northern Essex Community College's Writing Awards Ceremony held Friday, Dec. 6. The students, who are all enrolled in English composition classes, were given certificates and books in recognition of excellence in English composition.

Andover students include: Sarah Cail, Certificate of Award, English Comp. II and Roland Kimball Award with a \$100 scholarship; and Debra Sherman, Distinguished

Award, English Comp. I.

Eric Stephen Chung of Andover has been offered admission to Colby College in Waterville, Maine under Colby's early decision program.

Chung is scheduled to enroll in the fall, following his graduation from Phillips Academy.

He is the son of Michael and Insuk Chung of Andover. While at Phillips Academy, he has been a member of the swim and water polo teams and co-principal cellist for the Phillips Chamber and Symphony Orchestras. With his acceptance, Chung is one of 123 students admitted early decision to Colby.

Keely Schmidt of Andover, a senior at Lafayette in Easton, Pa. had an unusual opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the professional world during the winter break from classes in January.

Schmidt, an economics and business major, was one of about 200 Lafayette students serving 2- to 5-day "extern-

ships" with Lafayette alumni and others who are seasoned professionals in business, the arts, education, healthcare, law, engineering, science, government, non-profits, and other fields. The students will shadow the professionals at their workplaces, learning about careers they may consider entering after college, developing professional networking contacts, and building their resumes.

Schmidt explored the field of online media and advertising in her externship. She shadowed a 1986 Lafayette graduate who is general manager of About Inc., in New York City, an affiliate of Sprinks, a self-service tool that provides advertisers an opportunity to place targeted ads across the Web.

Amanda M. Camelio, a member of the Colgate University class of 2005 in Hamilton, N.Y., has been inducted into the Colgate chapter of the national scholastic honorary society of Phi Eta Sigma, which recognizes the outstanding academic achievement of first-year stu-

dents.

The 100 students who were honored at the fall banquet earned averages of at least 3.5 during their first year at Colgate.

Camelio, currently a sophomore at Colgate, is the daughter of Vin and Marilyn Camelio of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School.

Benjamin P. Urbelis, a junior at the University of Connecticut, achieved dean's list honors for the fall semester of 2002 as he ranked in the top 10 percent of students in the School of Business Administration.

The son of Thomas and Deborah Urbelis of Andover, he is a business management major with a concentration in international law.

Quota of Andover awards a scholarship annually to a student at Northern Essex Community College, majoring in the deaf studies program. This year's recipient was Shirley A. Ripley of Methuen, who was presented her scholarship by Beth Poulo, president-elect of Quota, during the club's membership open house. Following the presentation, Ripley spoke briefly of the development of her interest in empowering the hearing impaired and thanked the club for the scholarship.



Shirley A. Ripley

Gregory Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beck of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2002 semester at Unity College in Unity, Maine.

Beck is a first-year student at Unity College, majoring in environmental studies with emphasis in forestry.

Unity College is a four-year liberal arts college with an emphasis in environmental sciences, natural resource management, and wilderness-based outdoor recreation.

## Candidates respond

■ LOUIS VELAZQUEZ

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sought. "I think we need to exhaust all the creative possibilities for maintaining excellent schools without jumping to the knee-jerk response that 'Oh, it's time to look for more money' as opposed to looking for greater efficiencies, and other non-monetary alternatives," he said.

■ ART BARBER

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union leadership. And the union members might have responded in a different way. I can't say that for sure, but it was such an important issue that it would have been nice to hear from the membership," he said.

Barber does not support the call for more money from the town side because he doesn't believe the superintendent's budget has been gone through to

■ GERRY GUSTUS

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Selectmen's job to find where money can be saved, and then to give that money to the schools. "I haven't seen any effort in driving inefficiencies from the town," said Gustus.

see if savings can be found. He faulted the recent budget workshops. "The two budget workshops conducted so far have glossed over some of the issues and I would have preferred a line-by-line review of what was being proposed for a budget and then that could be examined," he said.

Barber called for more work and creativity from officials to find savings in the existing funds. Out-sourcing services such as the copy center or custodial costs were two suggestions Barber gave. He does not support raising taxes or an override. "The town is not sitting on a pot of gold that it can allocate to the schools. That money is not there. We need to be very careful on maximizing the impact of each dollar we have in our budget," he said.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 10-14:

## Elementary schools

**Monday:** Cheeseburger with reduced fat Cheetos, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog on a roll, blueberries, wax beans and milk. Lucky tray day.

**Tuesday:** Chicken a la king over rice, waffles with ham and syrup, potato puffs, strawberries and milk.

**Wednesday:** Rotini and meat sauce, pizza ring with pizza sauce, nachos with taco, meat and cheese, green beans, pineapple and milk.

**Thursday:** Corn dog on a stick, mozzarella sticks, french toast with sausage, corn, pears, milk and cake with frosting.

**Friday:** Barbeque chicken with potato, max pizza, baked chicken nuggets, mashed potato, applesauce and milk.

## Doherty Middle School

**Monday:** Pizza stick with two soft pretzels, baked chicken nuggets, nachos with taco, meat and cheese sauce, carrots, mixed fruit and milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken a la king over rice, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, meatball sub, green beans, pineapple and milk.

**Wednesday:** Rotini and meat sauce, two hot dogs, bakery pizza, peas, peaches and milk, cake with frosting.

**Thursday:** Corn dog on a stick, cheeseburger with chips, french toast sticks with sausage, corn, strawberries and milk.

**Friday:** Barbeque chicken with potato, baked chicken nuggets, bakery pizza, mashed potato, cranberry sauce and milk.

## Secondary schools

**Monday:** Roast pork dinner, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggies and milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken fajitas with rice, bakery pizza, rotini with meat sauce, fruit, veggies and milk.

**Wednesday:** Baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, fruit, veggies, milk, brownies for dessert.

**Thursday:** Pot roast dinner, bakery pizza, american chop suey, fruit, veggies and milk.

**Friday:** Meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggies and milk.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25.

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## LETTERS

## Health education keeps kids safe

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In January, on behalf of Andover CARES, I had the privilege of signing a letter urging the retention of diversified programming in our schools. As we all know, reductions in state aid, increased health insurance costs, and rising debt service have necessitated dramatic cuts in the budgets proposed for school and other town departments. The School Committee and Dr. Bach have listened to opinions expressed by administrators, teachers, parents, students, and other members of the community, and have presented a budget which they believe reflects the priorities of these various groups.

I am the parent of a high school senior, our only child. I suppose one could say that what happens next year, or in subsequent years, within the schools will not impact our family. As an active volunteer for 13 years, I disagree. What happens in Andover's schools affects us all. I volunteered in the classroom when Project Charlie and, later, the Great Body Shop were the health curricula of choice. Both were taught in the regular class setting, not by specialists. In my view, Project Charlie was fairly useless in helping kids deal with the social issues it purportedly addressed and it barely touched on physical health. In a limited fashion, The Great Body Shop covered anatomy and physiology. Neither offered effective skills training for coping with the real life issues which children face.

The health education curriculum used today in the Andover Public Schools may be the strongest and most carefully constructed program in any discipline. It builds continuously from grade 1 through high school and addresses, with age-appropriate materials and activities, age-appropriate issues dealing with safety and first aid, human anatomy, growth and development, nutrition and fitness, character, social skills, mental health, avoidance of high risk behaviors, and even ecology. The teachers have been trained specifically for this diverse and complex curriculum

and, at all levels, seem to be adults to whom students turn when troubled. It must be apparent to the kids that these teachers have special knowledge that relates to their personal concerns. Does the 5th-grade classroom teacher know Johnny better than the art or music or health or technology specialist? Probably. Does that teacher have the high level of expertise to help Johnny deal with his rapidly maturing body, the emotional roller coaster upon which he soon will be riding, and/or peer pressure to engage in risky behaviors? Probably not.

As a system, we have eliminated the social worker at the high school and rely on a paper-thin guidance department; we have halved the guidance staff at the middle schools to create a ratio of 1 counselor for about 500 students; and now we say that we will no longer give the background knowledge and teach in elementary school the survival skills critical to adolescents and young adults. The health curriculum has proven itself in the steadily improving results of the Youth Risk Behavior Surveys. If young people do not understand why certain behaviors are dangerous, they will experiment. If young people do not understand which of the many physical and emotional upheavals in their lives are normal, they may be more prone to self-destructive behaviors. Try as they may, parents are not the most effective teachers of their children in subjects such as these.

Recent newspaper reports have told us of increased drug use by middle school students in North Andover, of increased youth violence, especially involving girls, in Haverhill, of increased use of cocaine and Ecstasy in Salem, N.H., and of an increase in all risky behaviors in Groton and Dunstable. Is this a risk we want to take? Do we simply hope that no tragedy will force the realization of just how inadequately we plan to prepare our children to live healthy, happy and productive lives.

Diane Hender  
6 Millstone Circle

## Don't consider unplugging laptops until the data is in

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I'm writing to address what appears to be a growing epidemic of misunderstanding and/or misinformation about the pilot laptop program at South School, in response to both Maria Bartlett's letter in your Feb. 27 issue and to comments made during recent School Committee meetings at which the pilot laptop program was discussed.

I have been involved with the laptop pilot program since its inception two years ago, as a technical advisor and as a parent of three children enrolled at South School. I view the program as a stellar success, and applaud the efforts of Eileen Woods and her staff in their meticulous planning for the program. The pilot laptop program has garnered praise from educational institutions in both America and Europe, and has also resulted in grants and/or studies from Leslie College, Boston College and Microsoft.

I am perplexed by the tone of Bartlett's letter and some comments made during recent School Committee meetings because I have not seen a single substantive piece of evidence to support allegations that the program is in some way ineffective or inequitable. While we can't



Letter writer: Early indications good, more information needed.

yet point to an abundance of quantitative data in support, the lack of such data is hardly an indictment. We will have extensive and professionally analyzed information to share as soon as it is possible to complete meaningful research. The program is, after all, only in its second year, and objective, accurate educational metrics are exceptionally complex and time-consuming to collect and analyze.

In the meantime, I think further consideration of the program's overwhelmingly positive qualitative data is warranted. Every participating family I've encountered during the last two years has been exceptionally

pleased with the students' results, noting, for instance, outstanding improvements in writing, an increase in the ability to work independently, an impressive show of personal responsibility, and increased enthusiasm for learning and collaboration.

While we believe the pilot program will eventually be an irrefutable success, we are certainly not planning to propose prematurely expanding it throughout the school system; we will make that case if and when there is sufficient academic and economic (qualitative and quantitative) data to support expansion. For now, however, it's important to understand that the pilot laptop program is not the same thing as the system's overall laptop program. The pilot laptop program is parent-funded and parent-supported; indeed,

the pilot program actually results in the availability of additional computing resources for students who aren't participating (since the pilot program students bring their own laptops). Woods has been especially sensitive about the equity issue, and no family has been unable to participate for financial reasons.

I wholeheartedly agree with Bartlett's comment about the importance of ergonomic safety, but I disagree with the suggestion laptops are dangerous or should for other reasons be replaced with desktop computers. The teachers at South School are keenly aware of the importance of ergonomics; they provide ergonomic training to all students at the beginning of each school year and incorporate those principles into their daily routine. Portable computing and communication devices are an integral part of the "anywhere, anytime" learning vision Woods, school system technology administrator Ray Tode, and South School parents subscribe to, and it's also indicative of the work environments our children will graduate into, so it's impractical to imply desktop computers are a viable alternative.

I encourage anyone with questions to contact Woods about attending one of the many focus groups held each year as part of ongoing efforts to ensure the pilot laptop program is maximally effective and equitable.

Peter O'Kelly  
2 Sparta Way

## New revenue, credits needed

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am deeply concerned about the effects the superintendent's preliminary school budget will have on our public schools. I attended both School Committee budget workshops in February to become more informed on the impact of those cuts, and what I heard was extremely distressing.

The superintendent asked for community input at the school budget forums in December and January and included in her preliminary budget's executive summary three objectives that were repeated consistently at those forums. One was to "provide course offerings to ensure 7.5 credits yearly for all high school students." The superintendent's preliminary budget has failed to meet this objective and I am worried about our students' ability to be competitive in the college-admissions process. A

reduction in staff at Andover High will result in increased idle time for students in the form of study halls and limited course offerings. This will force all students down a narrow path of academia not suited for every learner. This is certainly not my vision of public education in Andover.

In a recent open letter to the School Committee printed in the *Townsmen*, School Committee candidate John Roberts mentioned the need to increase revenues. He offered specific ideas on the potential use of our school buildings resulting in rental income. Roberts also suggested that evening and weekend community college classes could be offered at the high school, not only generating revenue but also offering students a possible way to increase their course load. While this would not solve all of the budget issues, I applaud Roberts' ability to think outside the box.

I understand there is a finite amount of money allocated to the schools. The school administration and School Committee need to look at new ways to do business and to seek other sources of revenues given these tough economic times.

Kristin Wise  
8 Inwood Lane

## Candidate: Class size is No. 1 issue

Editor, *Townsmen*:

To the School Committee:

I was pleased to see some of the issues raised in my previous letter discussed at the School Committee's budget workshop last Thursday, however, I am not totally convinced by the arguments put forth dismissing the closing of Shawsheen School or justifying the technology budget. The proposed budget makes no mention of the portable classrooms still in place at Bancroft and Sanborn elementary schools, the schools with the lowest class sizes today. The argument that closing Shawsheen would greatly affect the class sizes at West Elementary and High Plain is valid. With High Plain at 99-percent capacity already, how long will it be before district adjustments are necessary? Further thought needs to be given this specific issue before it is dismissed. Shawsheen School is a valuable part of Andover's heritage, but it may serve our future better as something other than a school.

The justification for the technology budget was elusive and the evidence seemed to be more

anecdotal than statistical. If we are to continue to support the excellent education system that we have developed in Andover, we need to continue to fund our classrooms first. Class sizes are the most important issue brought forward at the public input sessions held for each level and anything we can do to save teachers in the classroom should be our top priority.

If we are to reduce our dependence on our current revenue sources of property taxes and state aid, we must develop new and creative sources of revenue other than increased fees. We need to explore additional uses of our facilities that will enhance our educational curriculum such as programs sponsored by many colleges as extension courses that could provide credit for high-school students towards their 30 credits. I look forward to continued dialogue on these very important issues affecting our schools and town.

John R. Roberts

The writer is a School Committee candidate.

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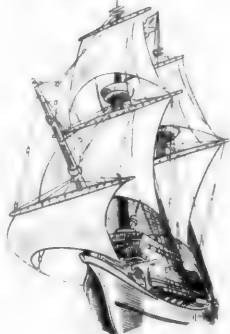
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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR



Joanne Kallontzis creates color-saturated, digital pop images using found graphic design, fruit and vegetable boxes and labels. *Bella Madela* (at left) is a digital collage, with acrylic, mica powder and varnish on canvas. Endicott College is presenting PIX, an exhibition of digital prints by Boston artists Kallontzis and Linda Leslie Brown, from March 11 through April 20 at the J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly.

### Thursday, March 6

**Rehearsal**, the first rehearsal of Fauré's *Requiem* and the *Cantique de Jean Racine*, also by Fauré, the choir of South Church in Andover welcomes all community members to join them for this event, no auditions necessary, 8:30-9:30 p.m., South Church; 978-475-0321, performance date May 11, 10:30 a.m.; 978-475-0321.

**Theater**, inspirational speaker, comedian, Loretta LaRoche, \$29 and \$33, 8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 978-454-2299, www.lowellauditorium.com.

**Live music**, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish band, Patrick Street, \$15-\$20, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Lecture**, MSPCA at Nevins Farm Equine Center presents a lecture, "Acquiring the Ex-Racehorse," by Dr. Lisa Hanelt, \$5 donation, 7-8:30 p.m., MSPCA at Nevins Farm Equine Center; 978-687-7453.

**Cabaret**, Trish and Rob's Musical Review, 6:30 p.m., all ages invited, the Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; 978-657-0800.

**Open Mic**, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

**Theater**, Georgetown Theater Workshop presents *Breaking Legs*, \$10, 8 p.m., 22 Pleasant St., Georgetown; 978-352-6367.

### Friday, March 7

**Opening reception**, *Soul Flight*, more than 70 original paintings in oil, watercolor and pastel by 19 prominent contemporary Irish artists, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Lorica Artworks, One Elm Square, lower level; Mia Guerrero 978-470-1829.



Karon Harris

emy Music Department presents the Academy Cantata Choir and Chamber Orchestra performing *The Passion According to St. John* by Johann Sebastian Bach, free, 7 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus; 978-749-4263.

music@andover.edu.

**Musical**, South Church Players presents *Honk!*, the tale of the *Ugly Duckling*, \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance, 8 p.m., South Church; 978-475-0321.

**Tot Shabbat services**, Temple Emanuel's service oriented for toddlers, pre-school and young school aged children, 5:45 p.m., parents and children are invited to attend a family shabbat dinner immediately following the service, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road, reservations needed for dinner only; 978-470-1356.

**Live comedy**, Tim McInnie, Dave Greenberg, Andy Wasif, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Auction**, Saint Patrick's Parish sponsors its annual Irish Cultural Celebration, \$15, viewing 6:30 p.m., auction 7:30 p.m., Mt. Pleasant Golf Club, Staples Street, Lowell; 978-459-0561.

**Theater**, the Merrimack Valley Players presents *Just So*, a musical that weaves five of Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book* stories together, \$15, \$10 seniors and children under 12, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 603-893-6226.

**Live music**, Acoustic music, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

**Live music**, Chris and Meredith Thompson, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

**Opening**, Buttonwoods Museum annual art exhibit, *The Merrimack Valley Through an Artist's Eyes*, Champagne party preview \$25, 7-10 p.m., looking for paintings, sculptures any medium that is used to interpret the Merrimack Valley, participating artists free, Haverhill Historical Society, 240 Water St., Haverhill; Pat Graham 978-372-7340 or 978-374-4626.

**Breaking Legs**, see Mar. 6 entry.

### Saturday, March 8

**Fund raiser**, Andona Mardi Gras, Cajun cuisine, dancing, silent auction and raffle, for tickets call: Kathy Hurst 978-689-2663.

**Stamp show**, Samuel Osgood Stamp Club Philatelic exhibition, free, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Elk Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence; 978-468-1773.

**Live music**, and party, Hal Small will discuss and perform J.S. Bach's *Goldberg Variations* on the newly restored 1914 Steinway grand piano, free, 3 p.m., Lawrence; 978-468-1773.



In the Andover High entry *Seven Menus*, cast members included, from left: Meghan Bradley, who won an award for acting, who plays a character named Dawn; Jeff Kane plays Barry; Meaghan Downes-Berry is Phyllis; and Robert Sambursky is Fluff. AHS hosted the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival last Saturday.

## No performance anxiety for AHS

By Ben Hellman

Andover High School's Massachusetts High School Drama Festival entry *Seven Menus* won applause, praise and awards on Saturday. Andover did not advance to the semifinals, but one of its actresses was singled out, and its set designers and crew were awarded for their technical prowess by judges.

*Seven Menus* may have been just the right pick to captivate and entertain at the festival. The 25-minute play is about two couples at a restaurant booth, but in eight scenes the couples change completely as new husbands, wives, boyfriends and girlfriends are brought into the mix. If the play was risqué, the mostly student audience didn't mind.

The audience, filled with some 210 high-school students from the eight other schools participating in the festival, exploded when recent AHS graduate Josh Desjardins told them to be prepared for "adult material of a mature nature." Laughter, cheers, and "oohs" of surprise and titillation emanated from the audience as the AHS actors discussed sex, love, relationships and life.

A notable cheer greeted the first set change. The restaurant booth sat in the middle of two concentric turntables that spun in opposite directions. The booth disappeared

behind masking and reappeared with new characters and costume changes. The crowd was impressed.

Set designers Jon Malis, a senior, and Ryan Desmond, a junior, received an award for excellence in set design. The 10-student set crew and seven-student stage crew also received awards.

"It's nice that the techies finally get recognized for something," said senior Justin Cherny.

Senior cast member Meghan Bradley also won an award for acting. Bradley, who recently auditioned to get into six acting programs at universities in New England and New York, was glad to get the recognition. "It was a compliment that they liked what I did," she said.

Director Susan Sepich said all of the students deserved acting awards. Of Bradley, she said, "She has so much energy. She's such a strong actor."

Sepich called a scene between Bradley and fellow actor Meaghan Downes-Berry, sophomore, "the best moment of the show." Downes-Berry's character comes on to Bradley's character, and from Bradley's facial expression and recoil, the move evidently turns her off. The moment won great laughter from the audience. "They really

nailed that," said Sepich.

Sepich was also happy with the technical aspect. "They owned that whole concentric revolve," she said.

Sepich said she wishes the company got to perform the play again, but was very happy with the students' performance on Saturday.

Auditions for the school's next theater offering, *The Chopin Playoffs*, were posted this week. The play will be performed later this spring.

### AWARDS RECEIVED BY ANDOVER HIGH STUDENTS

- Meghan Bradley - Excellence in Acting
- Jon Malis, Ryan Desmond - Excellence in Set Design
- Jon Malis, Ryan Desmond, Justin Cherny, Brian McCall, Kara McCall, Karl McGrotty, Patty Sullivan, Roy Sun, Dragos Velicanu and Michael Zhu - Excellence in Set Construction
- Justin Cherny, Brian McCall, Kara McCall, Karl McGrotty, Roy Sun, Dragos Velicanu and Michael Zhu - Stage Crew Work

## South Church Players present *HONK!*

75 kids are in musical tale of *Ugly Duckling* this weekend at South Church

By Sally Holm

South Church in Andover

LIFE CAN BE DIFFICULT when it seems like you don't fit in. Everyone in the barnyard is quacking, but all you can do is honk! And the quackers in charge aren't all that keen on the honkers.

So begins *HONK!*, a musical comedy with a message presented by the South Church Players. An adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen tale *The Ugly Duckling*, *HONK!* won Britain's Laurence Olivier Award for best new musical in 2000. The music was written by George Stiles, the book and lyrics by Anthony Drewe.

*HONK!* will be presented Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m.

The sanctuary of South Church, as happens every year about this time, has been transformed into a barnyard with duck pond for the performances.

The experienced directing team of Linda Zimmerman, Susan Spollett and Deborah White have put together a lively, colorful production with a cast of more than 100, including 75 children. The show literally bursts with energy as ducks, geese, hens, and an hysterical turkey lament the hatching of that very ugly "duckling" played by Andover High junior Dany Guy, over the protective love of his devoted mother, Ida played by Andover School of Montessori music teacher and vocalist Susan Spollett.

The pivotal role of the voracious cat, who sings "You Can Play with Your Food" as he tries to lure Ugly into his pot, is



Mother duck, Ida, lines up her ducklings and their errant father, Drake, to meet the Great Swan in a recent *HONK!* rehearsal at South Church. Actors (from left) are Susan Spollett, Shane Bouchard, Olivia Kraskey, Jimmy Tyler, Lydia Mesler, Dany Guy and Ted Harris.

played by South Church's new youth minister, Jonathan Drury, a veteran musical theater actor and vocalist.

Backed by a 16-piece band under the direction of D. Stephenson Bond, the cast takes on something unusual in community theater, 16 new and unknown songs, complete with choreography by Kerriane Harris of Andover. The songs are fresh, delightful, and run the gamut from the tender ballads Ida sings of her troubled son, "He's Different" and "Every Tear a Mother Cries," to the rousing chorus of itinerant geese bent on Ugly's survival in "We're Off on a Wild Goose Chase!" to a cheery old bullfrog who tries to convince Ugly that somewhere out there someone's gonna love ya "Warts and All."

Andover residents are prominently fea-

tured among the cast. In addition to Susan Spollett and Dany Guy, they include: Ted Harris as Ugly's dad, Kerry Johnson as Greylag the Goose, Linda Mesler as Greylag's co-pilot Dot, Paula Zeigenbein as Lowbutt the hen, Dawn Kraskey as Queenie the lady cat, Sally Holm as Maureen the moorhen, Jan Holden as Henrietta the hen, Heather White as Grace the Swan, and the Rev. Calvin Mutti as the "Blizzard."

The show is also produced by Andover residents Jennifer Bouchard and Nancy Vogler.

Tickets may be purchased in advance of the show either from cast members, or during office hours at South Church (9 a.m.-5 p.m.), 41 Central St. For box office hours, call the church office at 978-475-0321, or check the Web site at www.southchurch.com. Tickets purchased before March 7 are \$8, or \$10 at the door. Profits are shared with Lazarus House in Lawrence.

*HONK!* is a warm, quirky little show about so many things we hope our kids

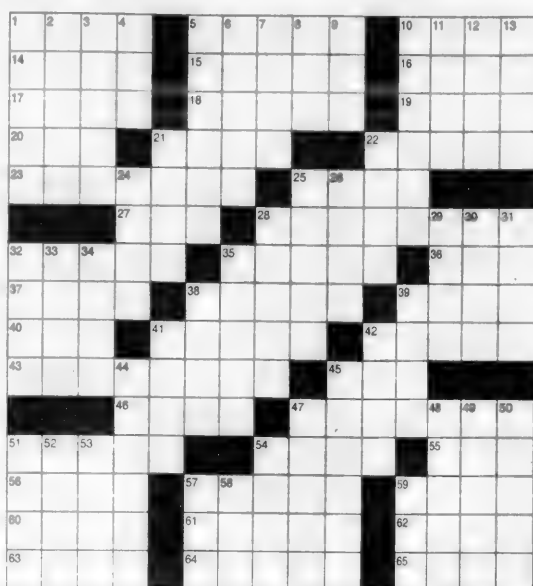
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Contest
5. Australian marsupial
10. Bend
14. Drug-yielding plant
15. Traveler
16. Hack
17. Relatives
18. Fill with high spirits
19. Avow
20. Take in solid food
21. Stalk
22. Room
23. Coward
25. Foretell
27. Diving bird
28. Capable of being divided
32. Religious center of S. Arabia
35. A tract of level wasteland
36. Help
37. Comply
38. Islamic teacher
39. Mild oath
40. Avoidupois unit
41. People in general
42. Rejoice
43. Intestines
45. The cry made by sheep
46. Lazily
47. Ennoble
51. Gr. goddess of the seasons
54. Linear measurement
55. Female deer
56. 12th month (Judaism)
57. Nictitate
59. Not shaking or trembling



60. Ravelings of cotton or linen
61. Limits of effectiveness
62. Memorization
63. Trademark
64. A theatrical performer
65. Augury

## CLUES DOWN

1. Subspecies
2. Supreme being

3. Omnivore of Central and South America
4. Even, poetic
5. Indonesian cigarette
6. Tanker
7. First man
8. Lease
9. They
10. Ossicle that transmits sound
11. Molten rock

12. Company officer
13. Telegram
21. Gull-like jaeger of northern seas
22. Waistband
24. Naughty
25. Burn with a hot liquid
26. Round Middle Eastern bread
28. Transacts
29. Villain in "Othello"
30. Perjurer
31. A way to course
32. Small particle
33. Dark olive black
34. Penny
35. Commotion
38. Drudge
39. Ardor
41. Walk in water
42. Crazy over
44. Island in Venice
45. Argue over petty things
47. Wild dog of Australia
48. A manner of speaking
49. Loudly
50. Middle Eastern nation
51. The abode of Satan
52. Stew with chickpeas
53. Called up
54. British capacity unit
57. Supporter
58. Resinous deposit
59. Away, back

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## MARCH 6 THRU MARCH 16

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Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., Lawrence, after the program there will be a 'room-warming' at the home of the Bell-Time Clocks, 53 Poor St., Andover, RSVP; Bob Frishman and Jeanna Schinto 978-475-5001, rjfs@attbi.com.

Dinner and dance, sponsored by Division 8, Ancient Order of Hibernians, St. Patrick's Day dinner dance, 7 p.m. dinner and dancing to the music of Silver Spears Show Band and the Rita O'Shea Champion Irish Step Dancers, St. Patrick's Parish Center, Lawrence; 978-687-8937.

Live comedy, Tim McInnie, Dave Greenberg, Andy Wasif, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Quilt talk, Flint Memorial Library presents quilts by Elizabeth Habich, who will discuss the design and construction of her quilts hanging in the library, free, 10:30-11:30 a.m., afternoon events are: 1:30 p.m., transforming a photograph into a quilt; 2:30 p.m., fusible applique; 3:30 free-motion machine quilting, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

Live music, Acoustic music, no cover, 9 p.m., An Charbonneau, Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

Children's hour, sponsored by

Saint Patrick's Parish, storytelling and activities, free, 11 a.m., children must be accompanied by an adult, Barnes and Nobles, Lowell; 978-459-0561.

Live music, Swinging Steaks, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon Cafe, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Workshop, American Textile History Museum presents *Worsted - Handspinning in the Folk Tradition*, Sigrid Piroch weaver and spinner will teach traditional Slovakian hand-spinning, limited to 20 participants, \$60 members, seniors, \$75 non-members, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dutton Street, Lowell, reservations required; 978-441-0400 Ext. 244, www.athm.org.

Winter tea, and Tour at Castle Hill, \$18 Trustee members, \$26 non-members, seatings 1 and 3 p.m., tour one hour prior to seating, reservations required, Castle Hill, Crane Estate, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; 978-356-4351.

Live music, Symphony By the Sea, conducted by Jonathan McPhee with Margaret O'Keefe, soprano, \$28, \$10 students, 8 p.m., Abbott Hall, 188 Washington St., Marblehead; 978-745-4955, www.symphonbythesea.org.

Artist showing, 93-year-old sculpture and artist John Bertolini will show his works, free, 2-6 p.m., Artistic Dimensions Gallery, Route 38, Pelham, NH; 603-635-1173.

Just So, see Mar. 7 entry.

Honk, see Mar. 7 entry.

Breaking Legs, see Mar. 6 entry.

## Sunday, March 9

Lecture, in celebration of women's history month, *Women's Power*, by Max Dashu, featuring an assortment of creative and indomitable women famous and anonymous, ancient and modern, free, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.



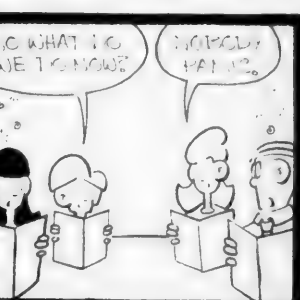
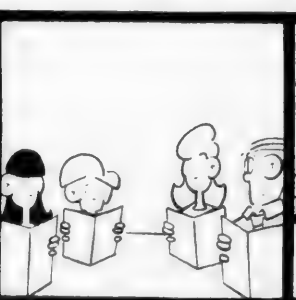
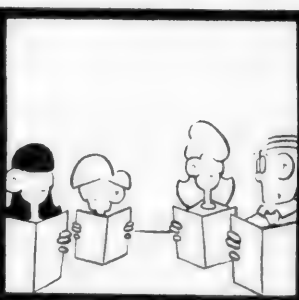
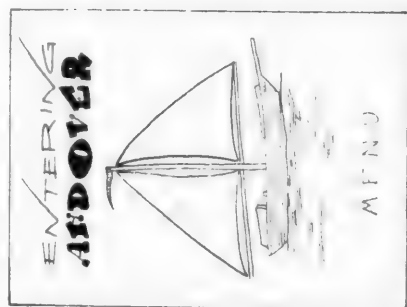
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Live music, Andover's A Better Chance benefit concert presents the Kumba Singers Choir of Harvard University, and a performance by Phillips Academy Gospel, \$15, \$10 seniors and students, 3 p.m., tickets available at: Andover High School, the Andover Bookstore, Andover Senior Center, the Pike School and at the door, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-475-4045.

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for Free, second in a series of three, Rebecca Sears, free, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

**Train show**, 10 operating model train displays, dealers and food, \$4, \$1 children 5-12, under 5 free, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., proceeds benefit Haverhill High School Band, Haverhill High School, Monument Street, Haverhill; John Muise 978-373-0704.

**Workshop**, American Textile History Museum presents *Slovak Folk Textiles*, Sigrid Piroch presents a slide show on folk dress of East Central Europe, free with museum admission, 2 p.m., Dutton Street, Lowell; 978-441-0400 www.athm.org.

**Live music**, Symphony By the Sea, conducted by Jonathan McPhee, \$25, \$10 students, 3 p.m., Governor Dummer Academy, Byfield, tickets available only through the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, 978-462-7336, www.symphonybythesea.org.

**Live music**, Lorie Landry, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

**Discussion**, *Life Stages: A Panel on Women's Health and Aging*, free, 2-4:30 p.m., Congregation Shalom, 78 Richardson Road, North Chelmsford, RSVP: Rachel Calow 978-692-8896, rcalow@aol.com or Pat Schneider 978-265-1588, MorahPat@aol.com, www.congregationshalom.org.

**Honk**, 2 p.m., see Mar. 7 entry.

## Monday, March 10

**Sign up**, deadline to register for March online courses offered by Andover Department of Community Services, check the Web site, www.ed2go.com/dcs for course descriptions and fees; DCS 978-623-8274.

## Tuesday, March 11

**Live music**, Dave Newsam/Fred Haas Quartet, \$5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001.

**Irish craft**, sponsored by Saint Patrick's Parish, local artisan Diedre Grunwald will conduct a class in Irish crafts and drawing celtic knots, free, 7 p.m., St. Patrick Church Hall, 282 Suffolk St., Lowell; 978-459-0561.

## Wednesday, March 12

**Lecture**, Andover Historical Society's Noontime Lecture Series presents, Charles Bahne, vice president of the Boston Street Railway Association, will discuss *The Trolley Comes to Massachusetts*, \$5; \$3 for Historical Society members, noon, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhist.org.

**Travel**, information night for a New Orleans trip next October, learn about the hotels, restaurants and sites around the city, free, 6:30-8:30 p.m., West Elementary School, Beacon Street; DCS 978-623-8274.

**Talk**, Learning in Retirement Association of UMass Lowell, a peer-learning program for retired and semi-retired residents of the Merrimack Valley, preview spring courses, 10 a.m., UMass Lowell, Fox Hall on North Campus, Lowell; 978-934-3135.

**Meeting**, Florence Crittenton League is holding an informational meeting on adoption, free, 7 p.m., Florence Crittenton League Inc., 119 Hall St., Lowell; 978-452-9671.

**Forum**, annual Girl Scouts of Spar and Spindle Council Advocacy Forum, presents *Our Girls, Our Future: Understanding Real Issues Facing Girls Today*, this year's topic: Aggression and Sexuality primary focus on girls 9-13, \$30, 6:30 p.m., light dinner and dessert, Davensport Yacht Club, 161 Elliott St., Danvers; Nancy Hartmann 978-689-8015.

## Thursday, March 13

**Workshop**, No Pain Piano Workshop, learn to play the piano in three hours, instructor Frank Dunne, \$26 registration, \$25 paid in class for materials, 6:30-9:30 p.m., West Elementary School, Beacon Street, to register: DCS 978-623-8274.

**Lecture**, MSPCA at Nevins Farm Equine Center presents a lecture, "Clicker Training Safety 101," by Sarah Strueman, \$5 donation, 7-8:30 p.m., MSPCA at Nevins Farm Equine Center; 978-687-7453.

**Open mic**, no cover, 9 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

**Open mic**, free, The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

## Friday, March 14

**Readings**, authors Jane Brox, Jay Atkinson and Paul Marion will read from their work in progress, free, 7:30 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**Musical**, Trinitarian Neighborhood Theatre presents *Annie*, Andover



Penny Kohut of Andover plays Miss Hannigan in the Trinitarian Neighborhood Theatre's production of *Annie* next weekend.

resident Penny Kohut (pictured above) plays Miss Hannigan, two of the orphans are played by Andover residents Emily Hook and Devika Ranjan, Carvel Hall, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover, call for times and ticket information; 978-686-4445.

**Luncheon**, with Gov. Mitt Romney, \$26, music by the Silver Spears Show Band, St. Mary's Auditorium, the corner of White and Haverhill streets, Lawrence, RSVP: 978-474-8745.

**Live comedy**, Jim Colliton, Danny Kelly, Stacey Pema, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Gallery opening**, Kathy Cooper, Frank Casazza, Annalisa Oswald, 7 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

**Live music**, Paul Prue, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

**Spring exhibit**, presented by Saltbox Gallery, artist demonstrations and exhibits of 21 professional artists and artisans from the North Shore, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Topsfield Fairgrounds; 978-887-3844.

**Reception**, Wine-tasting reception, 7-9 p.m., Saltbox Gallery, 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

## Saturday, March 15

**Live music**, the Wooster Chorus will perform with a chamber orchestra as part of the group's annual spring tour, \$5 suggested donation, 8 p.m., South Church; 978-475-0321.

**Craft fair**, Mother Connection's Annual Craft Fair support local vendors and organization representatives from Longaberger, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys and many more, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Marland Place; information about attending the event or participating as a vendor contact Paula at 978-474-0925.

**Live comedy**, Jim Colliton, Danny Kelly, Stacey Pema, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

**Live music**, Spirit Fiddle, \$8, 8 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

**Artist's reception**, Valerie's Gallery present printmaker Matthew Smith, 5-8 p.m., reception will be held in conjunction with the townwide Gallery Walk day, Valerie's Gallery, 12 State St., Newburyport;

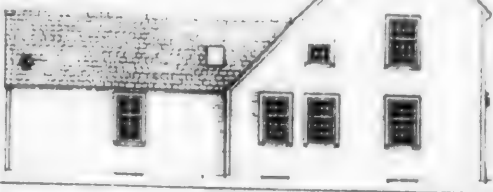
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Featured in "In One Bed... and Out the Other" at The Amesbury Playhouse, Amesbury, is (from left) Nancy Fichera of Rowley, John Schermerhorn of East Kingston, N.H., and Lisa Richardson of Haverhill. The show runs March 7-23. Call 978-388-9444 for reservations.

## Kuumba Singers at PA Sunday, to benefit Andover ABC program

The Kuumba Singers, a 70-voice choir from Harvard University, bring their unique and spirited musical gifts to Andover in a special concert on Sunday, March 9, at 3 p.m. in Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy. The program will explore and share the choir's rich tradition of African folk songs, history, spirituals, gospel and contemporary music. *Kuumba* is a Swahili word, which loosely translated, means "creativity" – the hallmark of the group's mission to celebrate creativity and the spirituality of black peoples through song. The choir is well known for its highly energetic and lively musical renditions. Under the direction of Sheldon K. Reid, the Kuumba Singers will be joined in concert by the Phillips Academy Gospel choir, whose director is Hobert Yates. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, and \$10 for seniors and students. They are available at Andover High School, The Andover Bookstore, the Andover Senior Center, Pike School, and will also be available at the door.

The concert benefits the Andover chapter of A Better Chance (ABC), the oldest public school ABC program. The organization brings talented students to live and study in Andover while attending Andover High School.

According to organizers, "Our goal is to recruit and to provide the necessary support to young women of color so that they might be prepared to attend quality university programs, accomplish their personal goals, and assist others from their community in achieving their goals. Since our beginning in 1967, we have had over 100 graduates. Andover ABC's alumni/ae have become doctors, teachers, business executives, admission officers at prestigious universities, CPA's and community leaders."

This concert is free and open to the public. Cochran Chapel is on the Phillips Academy Campus, 180 Main Street, Andover MA. The Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. Any inquiries regarding this performance may be made by calling the Phillips Academy Music Department, at 978-749-4263; or e-mail: music@andover.edu.

### ONGOING EVENTS

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illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St., 978-749-4490.

**Essex Art Center**, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

**Arthur Griffin Center for Photographic Art**, Main Gallery through March 30, *The Fire Within*, images of Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympic Games; Emerging Artists Gallery, *New Years Eve Project*, 20 Years Around the World, by Jill Waterman, Tuesday-Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., \$5 admission, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

**McCoy Gallery**, Merrimack College; for hours: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Brush Art Gallery**, *Emerging Voices/Healing Souls*, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

**Revolving Museum**, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-4 p.m.

**Whistler House Museum of Art**, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

**J. David Broudo Gallery of Art**, present PIX, an exhibition of unique digital prints by Boston artists Joanne Kaliontzis and Linda Leslie Brown, from March 11 to April 20, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

**Sakowich Campus Center**, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours: 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**McQuade Gallery**, at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed weekends in January; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

**Montserrat College of Art Gallery**, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

**Senior Center artists**, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

**Memorial Hall Library**, Artist of the Month series features a photo exhibit by Walter L. Mularz of Boxford, and Ringley, Maine, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

**Flint Memorial Library**, *Playing with Fabric: Art Quilts* by North Reading resident Elizabeth Chamberlain Habich, through March 31, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

**The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden**, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, 978-463-8883.

**Cape Ann Historical Museum**, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

**The Saltbox Gallery**, cooperative of 21 artists from the North Shore, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

**Churchill Gallery**, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport, 978-462-9891.

**Mingo Gallery**, local artist Rick Gerber, through March 21, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly 978-927-5964.

**Nevins Memorial Hall**, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

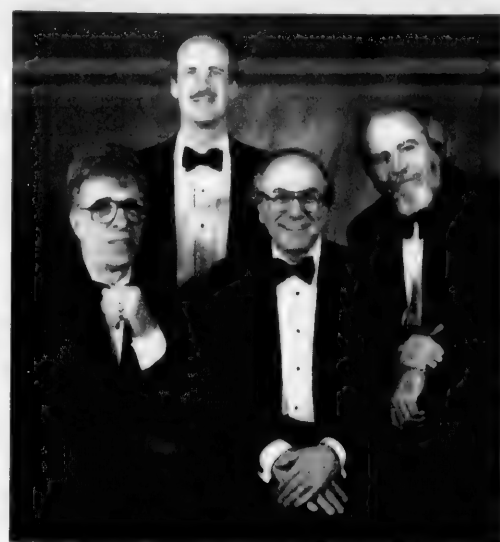
**Arlington Center for the Arts**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 41 Foster St., Arlington.

**Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery**, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 136 State St., Portsmouth, N.H., 603-431-4230.

**Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4419.

**Bravos Arts Gallery**, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

**Ayer Lofts Art Gallery**, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; 978-970-3556 <info@ayerlofts.com>.



The Jazz Pops Ensemble will perform Saturday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall, in a benefit show for Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

## Jazz at the Hall will benefit Friends of MHL

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE for this year's Jazz at the Hall, to be held Saturday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs of the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

The evening will feature the Jazz Pops Ensemble, a quartet with Bob Winter, Boston Pops esplanade pianist; Fred Buda, percussionist; Mike Monaghan, saxophone, clarinet and flute; and Mark Henry, bass.

The Jazz Pops Ensemble, whom organizers call "one of the Boston area's foremost musical quartets," has entertained audiences for many years with their blend of pop and jazz music, covering a complete range of material from standards to classics. The ensemble blends elements of jazz with the music of the great pops orchestras and composers, organizers said.

"The success of the ensemble is due in part to the musical chemistry between

its members, four wonderfully talented musicians who each play under conductor Keith Lockhart, with the world-famous Boston Pops Orchestra. Each member has experience playing a broad spectrum of music – from classical to jazz to show-tunes – and has provided accompaniment for a variety of well-known artists," they said.

Reminiscent at times of the legendary Modern Jazz Quartet, the group "plays with a cohesiveness and spontaneity that is both swinging and mellow, combining elements of classical with free-flowing improvisations that make for jazz at its very best."

The tickets, which cost \$20 per person, can be purchased at the library or Andover Bookstore. Light refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the First Essex Bank and the Danvers Savings Bank. For more information, call Memorial Hall Library at 978-623-8400.

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Classical gave Andover all it could handle in the first half.

Lynn jumped to a quick 8-0 lead on a pair of Takeya Faison three-pointers and a fast-break layup.

"We called a timeout and regrouped," said coach Tildsley.

"When play resumed we went on a good run and clawed our way back. Jenny (Muller) got hot, scoring nine points, and they switched defenses to a box-and-1.

"That opened things up for Ashley (McLaughlin), and she scored nine points which made them change again to a triangle-and-2."

The 24-8 burst gave the locals a 24-16 lead, at which point they threw the ball away three consecutive times and followed that with a couple of poor shots.

That resulted in a 10-2 Classical run to close the half out at 26-26.

"We went to a 1-1-3 zone to start the second half and we totally confused them," said Tildsley. "We took their big players out of the game and went on a 17-5 run which made it 43-31 midway through the half."

Neither team scored over the next four minutes, and then Andover held a 10-9 in the last four minutes to seal the key victory.

"We used the clock well in the second half and protected the ball well down the stretch," said Tildsley. "We had very few turnovers."



Andover girls basketball players Matia Kostakis, Merry Fish and Jenny Muller celebrate after their win Tuesday night over Lynn Classical, 53-40.

### M&M Show top-rated

The M&M Show once again excelled. Muller the top scorer with 17 points and McLaughlin right behind at 16.

Muller also contributed six rebounds and five assists, while A-Mac had eight boards, three steals and three blocked shots.

Matia Kostakis and Meagan Merinder collected six points each. Samantha Hughes five and Jackie Powers buried a three-pointer.

Kostakis continued her ferocious work on the glass with a game-high 14 rebounds. Merinder had seven and both added two steals.

Hughes chipped in a symmetrical performance with five rebounds and five steals to go with her five points.

Faison was the top scorer for Lynn Classical with 18 points.

"Kostakis was in foul trouble the first half and had to sit out for awhile," said Tildsley. "But she came out like gang-busters."

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**JENNY MULLER**  
Senior  
Guard, 5'7"  
365 points

**Strengths:** Excellent leader ... Solid ball-handler ... Good defense ... Totally unselfish ... Shoots well from outside or going to hoop.

**Comments:** Muller, who will attend Tufts University next fall, is the second all-time leading scorer in AHS girls basketball history with 1,426 points ... Twin sisters Charlotte and Sarah were also four-year standouts. Charlotte is all-time scoring leader with 1,600 points ... Leads team in assists ... Father Dick, a volunteer assistant coach with the team, was a starting guard on Andover's 1970 boys State Class C championship squad coached by Wil Hixon ... Jenny is also an All-Conference soccer player.



**ASHLEY McLAUGHLIN**  
Junior  
Forward/Center, 6'1"  
310 points

**Strengths:** Outstanding athletic ability ... Good leaper and rebounder ... Excellent shot blocker.

**Comments:** Ashley has already committed to Holy Cross ... Older brother Tom, currently a sophomore at William & Mary (sidelined with knee injury), is the career scoring leader for boys at AHS with 1,564 points ... Ashley has 735 career points ... Also an All-Conference volleyball player in the fall. Team captain and middle hitter ... Father Tom is a professional sports agent.



**JACKIE POWERS**  
Sophomore  
Guard, 5'7"  
122 points

**Strengths:** Quickness ... Agility ... Athleticism ... Ability to come off the bench cold and play well.

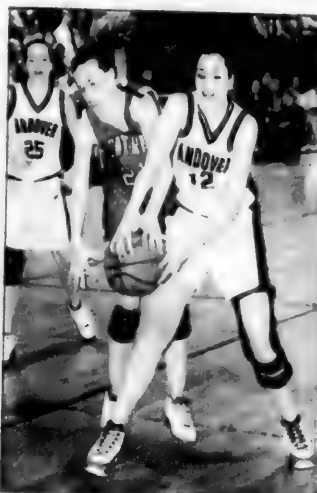
**Comments:** Usually first player off the bench and relishes sixth-man role ... Has picked up her scoring pace the second half of the season as confidence grows ... Highlighted her season by scoring game-winning basket with three seconds left in 43-42 comeback win over Haverhill ... Outstanding All-Scholastic soccer player who led 14-3-5 team in scoring last fall with 21 goals, 7 assists.



**SAMANTHA HUGHES**  
Senior  
Forward, 5'8"  
122 points

**Strengths:** Viable inside scoring option ... Strong defender ... Solid rebounder.

**Comments:** Scoring has picked up dramatically in recent weeks with several double-figure performances ... Highlighted season with a career-high 21 points in 80-50 win over Methuen ... Outstanding defensive player on highly-successful girls soccer team.



**MATIA KOSTAKIS**  
Junior  
Forward/Center, 5'11"  
107 points

**Strengths:** Excellent rebounder at both ends of floor ... Strong defensive player ... Intimidates shooters who drive to the basket ... Vastly improved inside game on offense.

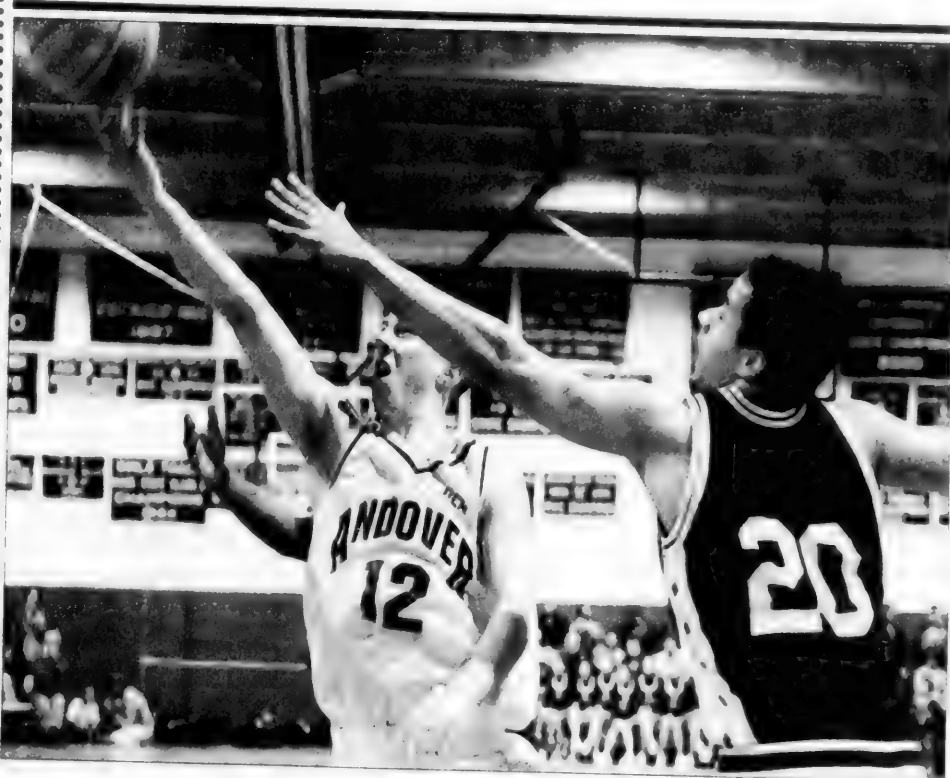
**Comments:** Is chairwoman of the boards with tough play underneath ... Pulled down 18 rebounds in tourney-opening romp over Central Catholic ... Double figures in rebounds 11 times this season ... Has started to score more in recent games and picked up several double-doubles ... Is a member of the four-time AHS state champion girls swim and dive team specializing in the backstroke ... Made successful recovery from ACL injury suffered two years ago.



**MERRY FISH**  
Senior  
Guard, 5'5"  
99 points

**Strengths:** Solid outside shooter ... Draws opposing defenses out to free up frontcourt players inside ... Tough defender.

**Comments:** Leads team in three-pointers with 26 ... Burst on the scene last winter when she scored 91 points with a team-high 18 treys ... Has 50 career baskets from behind the arc ... Equally effective as a starter or off the bench ... Can hurt opponents who disregard her to concentrate on Muller and Powers.



Andover's Chris Vetrano sails to the hoop against Lawrence's Angelo Taveras in basketball tournament action.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

# One – and done

## Warriors see 19-point lead, tourney hopes evaporate

By Rick Harrison

Sixteen minutes.

That's all the time it took for the 2002-03 season to come crashing down on the heads of the stunned Andover High boys basketball team.

In a highly-emotional season marked by triumphs and tragedies both on and off the court, this final dagger into the Golden Warriors' heart was difficult to comprehend or explain.

It will remain a season punctuated by many outstanding performances — and far from forgotten because of one unbelievable half by an opposing team at the Dunn Gym.

All it takes in the tournament is one bad half. No reprieves. No second chances. One and done.

Leading by 19 at the break, 45-26, the Golden Warriors were overwhelmed by always-dangerous Lawrence High in the final 16 minutes of a Division 1 North Tournament quarterfinal round game that will remain memorable to AHS players, coaches and fans for all the wrong reasons.

The suddenly-inspired Lancers outscored the locals by an improbable 45-

18 count to earn themselves a shocking 71-63 victory before a raucous SRO crowd of close to 1,400.

The loss denied AHS a third shot at undefeated top seed Central Catholic, instead putting Lawrence in the semifinals earlier this week opposite its intracity archrival.

Coach Dave Fazio's crew, galvanized and seemingly prepared to make a solid tourney run, finished with an 18-5 record that included three losses to powerhouse opponents in the final three games.

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**MEAGAN MERINDER**  
Junior  
Forward, 5'11"  
49 points



**LIZ PALLOTTA**  
Junior  
Guard, 5'7"  
40 points



**COLLEEN HAUGH**  
Junior  
Center, 5'11"  
25 points



**KERRI O'DEA**  
Junior  
Forward, 5'8"  
21 points



**KERRIE DARGAN**  
Senior  
Forward, 5'8"  
8 points



**ARIANNA MILIOTIS**  
Junior  
Guard, 5'6"  
5 points



**BRITTANY MORIARTY**  
Sophomore  
Guard, 5'6"  
4 points





Jessica Leider (at right) is thwarted in a scoring opportunity in the Lady Warriors first-ever tournament appearance last Wednesday, Feb. 26.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

## Girls' hockey hopes skid to end

### First-ever playoff appearance is no Cinderella story

By Rick Harrison

IT WAS NOT THE WAY the Andover High girls hockey team wanted its first varsity season to end.

But head coach Bill McCarthy hopes a 4-2 Division 2 North Tournament first-round loss to Latin Academy of Boston will ultimately signal the beginning of a long and successful program at AHS.

"I honestly thought we'd go deep into the tourney," said Medford native and Stoneham resident McCarthy. "We had already formulated a plan of attack for Woburn and some of the other teams we thought we might meet in the later rounds."

Although the finale left a bitter taste in the mouth, it didn't diminish the importance and impressiveness of what was achieved between early December and late February.

"Hats off to our kids for what they accomplished," said McCarthy. "Not every team finishes with a winning record in its first official varsity season."

After beating St. Bernard's of Fitchburg 5-2 in the last regular season game, the Andover players and coaches prepped for the tournament with a series of light practices.

"We took it pretty easy," said McCarthy. "We worked mostly on skill drills in the workouts."

On game day there were some jitters. "Most of the girls were nervous," said McCarthy. "There were some of those 'deer-in-the-headlights' looks."

"It's understandable. This was our first high school tournament game ever. No matter how much you try to prepare, it's just different when you walk into a rink knowing it's the tourney. It's a whole different atmosphere and mindset."

"It was quiet on the bus ride to the game," said McCarthy. "Usually the mood is more buoyant."

"But I still thought we were ready and the nervousness would disappear once the game started. Unfortunately that just didn't happen," said McCarthy, a veteran of many high school tournament wars while playing at Arlington Catholic.

#### Scoreless battle

The first two periods were scoreless — neither team able to get untracked — before the rivals busted loose and combined for all six goals in the final 15 minutes.

Kelly Foley gave No. 9 seed Latin Academy (8-8-4) a 1-0 lead 1:24 into the third session.

No. 8 seed Andover (9-8-4) countered with two goals just 76 seconds apart by Jess Leider, her 7th at 3:03, and top scorer Adrienne Shea with her 15th at 4:19.

Shea's go-ahead goal was a fine individual effort as she stole the puck down low and stuffed it past the LA goaltender.

Latin Academy took a quick timeout

with 10 minutes left, hoping to regain its composure, but when play resumed an Andover skater escaped on a breakaway down the right side.

Their goaltender came out and the AHS player lost control of the puck as she jumped to avoid the netminder.

"If we scored on the breakaway it would have put a stake in them," said McCarthy. "Still, it was a nice try by our girl and after those two goals I thought we were on a roll."

But the offense suddenly dried up as the locals, although hitting the post twice with shots, found it hard to sustain a consistent attack.

"We didn't shoot enough or put enough pressure on them," said McCarthy. "They had 34 shots to our 15. We didn't test their goalie enough."

#### Latin rallies

Latin Academy diminutive forward Caroline England tied the game 2-2 at the 9:02 mark, and three minutes later (12:07) England also scored the game-winner.

She emerged from traffic in front of the net and flicked a long wrist shot home.

"It never should have reached the point where she was able to get that shot off," said McCarthy.

The insurance came on an empty-net goal by Foley with just six seconds left (14:54).

"They only had 11 bodies," said McCarthy. "They dressed 11 girls and didn't even play them all. We should have been able to wear them down."

AHS junior goaltender Dolly Beechinor played an outstanding game, finishing with 30 saves.

"Latin could have been ahead 4-0 after the first two periods," said McCarthy. "Dolly was great. She really came to play. It was her best game of the season."

Beechinor also took the loss hard. "Dolly was very emotional after the game because she had given it everything she had."

#### Coach upbeat

Despite the tournament loss McCarthy is very optimistic.

"We played a tough schedule and finished with a winning record. Most of

our girls have played in the Andover Youth Hockey Association, and some have experience with the better club teams in the area like Assabet Valley and Chelmsford (Wings)," said the coach.

"There's a lot of talent on the team and most of them are underclassmen. We just have to find a way to bring those skills to the table more consistently."

Late in the season junior Ashley Malins and freshman Liz Roda were moved back to defense.

"It seemed to help down the stretch," said McCarthy. "We were better getting the puck out of our end against the more experienced teams."

#### Four seniors

The Lady Warriors lose four seniors to graduation (Capt. Jackie Collins, Jess Leider, Katie Seero and Katie Stewart).

"We'll definitely miss 'em," said coach McCarthy. "But there are four or five excellent eighth graders coming in next year."

"Another big plus for us is the balanced scoring. We had seven players in double digits this season and only one of them (Leider) is a senior."

"Most teams we played had one or two girls scoring all the points. Our balance makes us tougher to defend."

#### Banquet

The team banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 20 at the Wyndham Hotel.

The players will elect next year's captains this week, and they will be announced at the banquet.

There will also be the presentation of team MVP, Coaches and Unsung Hero Awards.

#### Leading scorers

Adrienne Shea finished with 15 goals and 13 assists for 28 points in 21 games.

Freshman Maria Nasta had 14 goals and 13 assists, Ashley Malins 8 goals, 15 assists and Jacqui Munro 6 goals and 10 assists.

Also in double figures were Jess Leider at 7-5-12, Allison Abreu 2-9-11 and Kim Chandler 6-4-10.

## GAME SUMMARY

LATIN ACADEMY 4, ANDOVER 2				
Division 2 North, 1st Round at Chelmsford Forum, Billerica				
Latin Academy	0	0	4	4
Andover	0	0	2	2
FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.				
SECOND PERIOD: No scoring.				
THIRD PERIOD: 1. LA, Kelly Foley (Kerry Roche, Molly MacDonald), 1:24; 2. A, Jess Leider (Jacqui Munro, Adrienne Shea), 3:03; 3. A, Shea 15 (Liz Roda, Jackie Collins), 4:19 (sh); 4. LA, Caroline England (Roche, Shannon Murphy), 9:02; 5. LA, England (Roche, Murphy), 12:07 (sh); 6. LA, Foley (MacDonald), 14:54 (en).				
Shots on goal: Latin Academy 34, Andover 15. Goalie: A, Dolly Beechinor (34 shots, 30 saves). Records: Andover 9-8-4, Boston Latin Academy 8-8-4.				

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Overtime loss puts boys' season on ice

By Rick Harrison

Andover High boys hockey coach Bill Cullen paused to reflect on the 2002-'03 season moments after the final game ended late Saturday night at the Chelmsford Forum in Billerica.

"It was a successful year and we're proud of the effort," said Cullen. "It was also a long, draining season for both players and coaches. There were a lot of close games and dramatic finishes, each of which takes a toll."

None closer or more dramatic than the finale.

The Golden Warriors suffered a devastating defeat, their abbreviated tourney run abruptly halted much earlier than expected after a 5-4 overtime loss to Danvers in the opening round of the Division 2 North Tournament.

It was a game AHS seemingly had under control, leading 4-2 with less than five minutes left in regulation.

Freshman Matt Colby, whose two clutch third-period goals snapped a 2-2 tie, was poised to be the hero for the second time in eight days.

But Danvers, which lost a 4-3 decision to AHS a week earlier when Colby scored in the final minute of the Newburyport Bank Classic title game, rallied to hand the locals the agonizing defeat.

The Falcons exacted their revenge by scoring twice in the final five minutes of regulation, pulling their goaltender and tying the game with 40 seconds left to force a 15-minute "sudden-victory" overtime.

"The seniors, in particular, were frustrated," said Cullen. "This became their last high school game — and it's not the memory they wanted to take away."

"They also realize it's not the end of the world. They're all going on to college and new challenges."

#### Trading goals

Cullen was not especially pleased when he saw the tourney draw. He would have preferred playing Danvers somewhere down the line.

"Danvers is an excellent team. We're very evenly matched — as you can see from the two scores. We could play each other 10 times and we'd both probably win five."

"Having beaten them at Newburyport just a few days earlier — I would have been happier with a different opponent for the first game."

Danvers, the No. 6 seed which improved to 15-5 with this win, drew first blood on a goal by Chris Gafney just 52 seconds after the opening face-off.

Andover tied it 1-1 when senior Capt. Steve Johnson scored his team-high 18th goal on the power play at 3:33. Johnson emerged from a scramble to stuff the puck past Danvers' goaltender C.J. Sullivan. Capt. Joe Nasta notched the only assist.

Capt. Mike Corey gave AHS

its first lead at 7:09 of the opening period, taking a breakout pass from Johnson and carrying the puck into the Danvers' zone.

Corey faked out Sullivan, who fell to the ice, and roofed a forehand shot over the prone netminder.

"That was a highlight-film goal," lauded Cullen. "Beautiful execution by both Johnson and Corey."

The Falcons tied it 2-2 at 7:08 of the second period on a power play goal by Ryan Hayes.

#### Colby erupts

That set the stage for Colby, who scored a pair of goals two minutes apart midway through the third period to seemingly put the Golden Warriors in the driver's seat.

On the go-ahead goal at 5:14, senior defenseman Eric Levine kept the puck in at the blue line and fed it to Toby Cohen at the side of the Falcons' net.

Cohen slid it across the crease to Colby who stuffed it home.

Colby's second goal of the night, and seventh of the season, came from a scramble at the 7:12 mark. Cohen and Mike Van Campen were credited with the assists.

"The best thing is that Colby is just a freshman," said Cullen. "It's great to see him play with such poise."

The Falcons launched their comeback at 10:39 when Dan St. Pierre positioned himself alone in the slot and fired the puck past Andover junior Torin Traynor.

"He (St. Pierre) was wide open and that shouldn't happen — especially so late in the game," said Cullen. "The goalie had no chance."

Danvers tied it for the third time, 4-4, after pulling goaltender Sullivan with just over a minute left.

Ryan Hayes capitalized on the extra skater advantage to net the equalizer with 40 seconds to go.

#### Overtime bids

Both teams had several chances in the OT, Danvers taking six shots and AHS four before John Mendalka ended it and prolonged the Falcons' season with a goal at 9:23 of the 15-minute sudden-victory period.

The puck was at Traynor's feet, and players from both teams were banging it around when Mendalka jabbed it into the net.

"We had one very good chance in the overtime," said Cullen. "Johnson came out of a crowd and took a shot their goaltender did not see until the last second. He stuck out his arm and got a piece of the puck which deflected over the crossbar."

Andover managed a slim 32-30 shooting edge, with Traynor making 25 saves and Sullivan stopping 28 shots in the Danvers' net.

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## GAME SUMMARY

DANVERS 5, ANDOVER 4 (ot)				
Division 2 North, 1st Round at Chelmsford Forum, Billerica				
Andover	2	0	2	0
Danvers	1	1	2	1
FIRST PERIOD: 1. D, Chris Gafney (Andy Ouellette), 0:52; 2. A, Steve Johnson 18 (Joe Nasta), 3:33 (pp); 3. A, Mike Corey 12 (Johnson, Nasta), 7:09.				
SECOND PERIOD: 4. D, Ryan Hayes (Dustin Hayes), 7:08 (pp).				
THIRD PERIOD: 5. A, Matt Colby 6 (Toby Cohen, Eric Levine), 5:14; 6. A, Colby 7 (Cohen, Mike Van Campen), 7:12; 7. D, Dan St. Pierre (Derek Hines, Jason Abbott), 10:39; 8. D, RHayes (DHayes, Ouellette), 14:20.				
OVERTIME: 9. D, John Mendalka (St. Pierre, Paul Citroni), 9:23.				
Shots by period: Andover 8-9-11-4-32; Danvers 8-9-7-6-30. Goalies: A, Torin Traynor (30 shots, 25 saves); D, C.J. Sullivan (32 shots, 28 saves).				
Penalties: Andover 5, Danvers 5. Records: Danvers 15-5, Andover 10-6-5.				

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## AHS ROUNDUP

# Winter varsity flurries taper off

Several athletes shine in season-ending performances for swim, track and ski teams

By Rick Harrison

Swimmer Sean Geary repeated as state champ in the 500-yard freestyle to highlight a final round of outstanding individual performances by several Andover High winter athletes.

Also making noise at the Massachusetts and New England levels were tracksters Phil Shaw and Stephanie Casper, girls gymnasts Libby Fortier and Sheri Bernstein, swimmer Nick Saunders and alpine skiers Stephanie Sweeney and Jim Green.

The AHS girls ski team placed fifth in the state, while the boys swimmers were seventh in Division 1 of the All-State Meet.

## BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Sean Geary, a junior who will attempt to three-peat as a state 500 yard champ next year, set the tone for AHS personal bests in the season-ending All-State Meet at Harvard University's Blodgett Pool.

Geary won high school's longest race easily, by more than seven seconds, with a 4:36.87 time that eclipsed his own personal-best and believed-to-be school-record 4:36.99.

That Geary was able to achieve the time without being seriously pushed makes it even more impressive.

Weston High sophomore Eric Nilsson, who was only a half-second behind Geary in the North Sectionals the previous week, competed in Division 2 at the All-State Meet which denied fans the most intriguing matchup of the day.

As it turned out, Nilsson won the 500 in Division 2 in almost the identical time as Geary.

Charles Kinnett of team champ Chelmsford was a distant Division 1 runner-up in 4:44.02.

"If Nilsson had been in the

race Sean may have lowered his time another one or two seconds," said AHS head coach Mark Taffe.

The Golden Warriors, boasting six top-five finishes, chalked up 94.5 points on the way to seventh place.

It is the best All-State showing since the locals dropped their cooperative affiliation with Central Catholic.

"Overall it was an awesome day for our kids," said Taffe.

Chelmsford repeated as team champ in a runaway, besting second-place former state titlist Boston College High by a whopping 81-point margin.

## Saunders shines

Geary came very close to being a double state champ, touching a close second in the 200 free with a personal-best 1:43.57 clocking.

It bettered his previous mark by almost 1 1/2 seconds and was not far off the 1:42.70 by race winner Sal Barba from St. John's of Shrewsbury.

"Barba's time is only a few ticks off the meet record and Sean is right there with him," said Taffe.

Junior Nick Saunders also had what Taffe termed a "spectacular day," placing fourth in the 50-yard free sprint and fifth in the 100 butterfly.

Both the 22.50 in the 50 and the 55.15 in the 100 fly were personal bests.

Geary and Saunders were joined by sophomores Jon Meltz and Chris Mullen on the fourth-place 200 free and fifth-place 400 free relays.

The 200 crew touched in a season-best 1:33.47 and the 400 squad in a season-best 3:25.43.

"Chris Mullen stepped up his performance in both relays which was huge for us," said Taffe. "He lowered his 50 split in the 200 by about one second, and his 100

split in the 400 by two seconds. That was worth five or six positions to us in each race."

Meltz also competed in a pair of individual events, and while he did not score in either he did achieve personal-best times of 2:12.25 in the 200 individual medley (IM) and 1:01.00 in the 100 backstroke.

The State Meet was last held at Harvard 25 years ago, in 1978, and Andover coach Taffe was a senior on the Haverhill High team that won the state title that year.

Andover completed the dual-meet season 8-2, second to Chelmsford in the Merrimack Valley Conference, and the locals tied for fifth in the North Sectional Meet.

## INDOOR TRACK

Senior Capt. Phil Shaw finished fourth in the boys 1,600 meters, and senior Capt. Stephanie Casper seventh in the girls 600 meters, at the annual season-ending New England Interscholastic Indoor Track & Field Championship Meet at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury.

Shaw, also fourth in the mile run at the All-State Meet the previous week in a school-record 4:18.15, was seeded second in the 1,600 meters and led the race briefly.

His bid for a sub-4 minute 1,500 meters did not materialize, however, as he reached that distance in 4:04.9 and completed the entire race in 4:21.84.

He was the second Massachusetts runner across the finish line, while the other top-four finishers were Connecticut high school athletes.

"Phil's foot was hurting earlier last week while he was training for the race, but he said it didn't bother him at the New England," said AHS head coach Art Iworsley.

Shaw is eligible for the National High School Championships to be run this weekend at the Metropolitan Athletic Club in New York City.

At presstime he had not made up his mind whether to go or not.

"He's considering the Nationals," said Iworsley. "But he's also thinking about taking time off to rest up for the spring season (practices begin in 11 days).

Stephanie Casper's seventh-place time of 1:38.44, third among Massachusetts runners, was just 3/100ths of a second behind the sixth-place finisher.

She also crossed the 600-yard marker in 1:26.4, a shade off her own AHS school record (1:26.0) for that distance.

"Stephanie was ranked eighth entering the competition which put her in an unseeded heat," said Iworsley. "She won her heat but the pace wasn't fast enough."

New England champ Mary Heitkamp of Fairhaven Union High in Vermont, running in a different unseeded heat, registered the meet's best time of 1:33.76.

Casper finished second in the Class A Meet and fourth in the All-State Meet 600 run last month.

Casper will head to Northeastern University (to play field hockey) and Shaw to the University of New Hampshire next fall.

Competing in last week's annual Girls State Indoor Pentathlon at the Lewis Center, AHS junior Allison Kerivan placed 9th and senior Capt. Carolyn Berberian finished 28th in a field of 80 girls.

The AHS track banquet is traditionally held at the end of the spring season in June.

Today (Thursday, March 6) the winter teams gather in the high school cafeteria at 3 p.m. for a pizza party that includes the selection of captains for next year and presentation of letters and awards to All-Conference and MVC All-Star athletes.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Sophomore Libby Fortier and senior Capt. Sheri Bernstein both placed in two of the three events they qualified for at the All-State Individual Girls Gymnastics Championships hosted by Beverly High.

There were 45 top competitors in each of the four events, including the state's

top 20 all-around performers.

In scoring among the non-AAs, Bernstein finished a lofty second in floor exercise with a sizzling 9.2 and she was fifth on balance beam with an 8.9.

Bernstein also competed on the uneven bars but her 8.4 did not place.

Fortier's top showing came in vault where she scored 8.7 for seventh place. She also recorded an 8.7 on bars for 10th.

Her 8.2 on balance beam was not high enough to place among the leaders.

Sarrie Reuben of Lincoln-Sudbury emerged as the 2003 Massachusetts state all-around champion.

"We saw some amazing gymnastics at the meet," said AHS head coach Julie Chapman. "Sarah and Libby both had excellent nights and they had fun. It was terrific for Sheri to end her high school career with such a strong effort."

Bernstein also came close to being selected for Team Massachusetts, a group of top girls and boys senior gymnasts who will represent the state at the National High School Championships this spring in Las Vegas.

"I know Sheri was on the list and under consideration," said Chapman.

State Individual Championship participants were selected on the basis of their season averages in each event.

Bernstein ranked fifth in Massachusetts on balance beam with a 9.0625 average, sixth in floor exercise (9.2125) and sixth on the uneven bars (8.8625).

Fortier was fifth on bars (8.875), fifth in vault (8.80) and ninth on beam (8.90).

## Award winners

Three AHS gymnasts were presented with major awards at the annual team breakup banquet this past Monday night at Andover Country Club.

Sheri Bernstein was named Most Valuable Gymnast, junior Andrea Krivelow took home the Coaches Award and freshman Sarah Coneeny was selected to receive the Rookie Award.

## ALPINE SKI

The unbeaten North Shore League champion Andover High girls alpine ski team, 10-0 and winners of 20 straight regular season dual meets, once again did themselves proud at the annual All-State Championships held at Berkshire East Ski Area in Charlemont.

For the second straight year the Lady Warriors placed a solid fifth in a 23-school field, finishing with 667 points including 334 in the slalom competition and 333 in the giant slalom.

Mt. Greylock won the team title with 774 points, while other schools finishing ahead of Andover were Shrewsbury High (771), Taconic Regional (733) and Longmeadow (690).

Liza Hawkins of Mohawk Trail Regional was the individual winner in both divisions, sweeping to victory in the giant slalom (42.93 seconds) and slalom (32.81).

Top individual finisher for Andover in the giant slalom was Stephanie Sweeney, 14th overall among 156 skiers statewide in 47.36 seconds.

Other scorers for Andover were Jennie Williams (29th, 50.37), Lauren Hayes (47th, 52.28), Kerriann Bartley (57th, 52.99) and Brittany Roy (63rd, 53.57).

In the slalom runs, Sweeney was even more impressive as she nailed down sixth place among 156 racers with a 35.16 clocking.

Williams was 38th in 41.62 and other AHS finishers were Roy (52nd, 43.45), Bartley (65th, 45.03) and Mallory Jaracz (118th, 77.89).

On the boys side, Jim Green qualified as an individual skier and finished tied for 12th in the state slalom among 158 skiers with a swift 31.53 clocking.

Green did not finish his giant slalom run.

## Banquet

The team banquet is next Wednesday, March 12, at Andover Country Club.

"The kids worked hard since November," said coach Tom Busta. "We'll celebrate another successful season at the banquet, then re-dedicate ourselves and give it another shot next year."

## ANDOVER SCORING

### GIRLS BASKETBALL (22 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Jenny Muller	146	48	365
Ashley McLaughlin	117	58	310
Samantha Hughes	47	28	122
Jackie Powers	50	17	122
Matia Kostakis	48	11	107
Merry Fish	34	5	99
Meagan Merinder	17	15	49
Liz Pallotta	13	12	40
Colleen Haugh	12	1	25
Kerri O'Dea	8	3	21
Kerrie Dargan	4	0	8
Emily Pallotta	3	0	6
Arianna Millotis	2	1	5
Brittany Moriarty	1	2	4

3-pointers: Merry Fish 26, Jenny Muller 25, Ashley McLaughlin 18, Jackie Powers 5, Kerri O'Dea 2, Liz Pallotta 2.

### BOYS BASKETBALL (23 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Chris Vetrano	155	99	492
Jack Barrett	96	43	267
Kevin Barrett	107	35	257
Drew Watts	61	14	143
Tyler Richards	40	19	99
Jon Deleo	30	34	98
Bob Hughes	32	10	74
Jarrett Mackin	7	2	17
Greg Vetrano	4	5	15
Manny Venuti	4	3	12
Steve Renfro	2	4	9
Casey Cosgrove	2	0	5
Tim Bengston	1	2	4

3-pointers: Chris Vetrano 83, Jack Barrett 32, Kevin Barrett 8, Drew Watts 7, Jon Deleo 4, Greg Vetrano 2, Casey Cosgrove 1, Jarrett Mackin 1, Steve Renfro 1, Manny Venuti 1. Note: Does not include Brookline game on Feb. 16.

### BOYS HOCKEY (21 games)

	G	A	Pts
Steve Johnson	18	19	37
Joe Nasta	11	14	25
Mike Corey	12	12	24
Andrew Santos	3	14	17
Toby Cohen	6	6	12
Steve Seero	0	11	11
Matt Colby	7	3	10
Mike Lamagna	2	6	8
Eric Levine	1	5	6
Brian Buckley	1	3	4
John Limauro	1	2	3
Sergei Yerozolimsky	1	2	3
Mike Van Campen	0	3	3
Dennis Collins	1	1	2
Mark Boillard	0	2	2
Greg Carroll	0	2	2
Jeff Borstell	1	0	1
John Linneman	1	0	1
Steve Miller	0	1	1

Hat Tricks: Steve Johnson 1.

Shutouts: Torin Traynor 1; Craig Espinola 1.

### GIRLS HOCKEY (21 games)

	G	A	Pts
Adrienne Shea	15	13	28
Maria Nasta	14	13	27
Ashley Malins	8	15	23
Jacqui Munro	6	10	16
Jess Leider	7	5	12
Allison Abreu	2	9	11
Kim Chandler	6	4	10
Kristen Costagliola	2	5	7
Katie Stewart	3	3	6
Liz Roda	2	4	6
Samantha Weinberg	1	4	5
Jackie Collins	0	4	4
Ally Brown	0	3	3
Megan Finn	0	3	3
Kate Seero	0	3	3
Amy Marlow	2	0	2

Hat Tricks: Maria Nasta 2, Kim Chandler 1.

Shutouts: Dolly Beechiner & Elissa Slovin 1.

## Boys' season on ice

### ICE HOCKEY

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### Close games and injuries

Andover finished the season at 10-6-5 overall, including 5-2-3 in Division 2 of the Merrimack Valley/Dual County League where the locals were just one point behind co-champs Westford Academy (6-2-2) and Lincoln-Sudbury (5-1-4) in the tightly-bunched pack.

"We probably set a school record for one-goal wins (four) and losses (three)," said Cullen. "On top of that we had five ties. So many close games puts an emotional strain on a team," said Cullen.

"We also played one of our most difficult schedules ever with tourney qualifiers Wilmington, Triton Regional, Danvers and league crossover games with Division 1 teams Billerica, Chelmsford and Central Catholic."

The Golden Warriors gave Elite 8 qualifier Chelmsford all it could handle before losing, 3-2, on a disputed goal in the closing minutes. Billerica also struggled to a 3-0 win over the locals.

"We may have set another record for injuries," said Cullen.

Six AHS players missed significant time with shoulder separations, Andrew Santos sitting out the tourney finale against Danvers and Mark Boillard suffering a should injury during the game.

"It's tough when you have to keep replacing kids," said Cullen. "It destroys the continuity. But it's a credit to our depth we did it without suffering much."

The coach was also pleased that freshmen Matt Colby, Mike Lamagna and defenseman Greg Carroll skated regular shifts in the tourney game and all played

well.

"Three freshmen performed in pressure-packed situations and that will help us in the future," said Cullen.

Another key late-season plus was the development of a second line that gave the attack more balance.

"Colby, Santos, Cohen and Van Campen alternated and took some of the scoring burden off Johnson, Corey and Nasta," said Cullen.

### Twelve seniors

The Golden Warriors will graduate a dozen seniors.

"They'll be tough to replace but we feel a lot of the younger kids made excellent progress this season," said Cullen.

### Banquet

The annual AHS boys hockey banquet is scheduled for next Thursday, March 13.

Several major awards, including team MVP, will be presented and next year's captains will be announced.

### Scoring leaders

Steve Johnson led Andover and was second in MV/DCL Division 2 scoring with 18 goals and 19 assists for 37 points.

It is the most points for an AHS player in a season since coach's son Chris Cullen had 19 goals and 24 assists for 43 points in 1995-96. Josh Prudden also scored 18-19-37 that season.

Following are Joe Nasta 11-14-25, Mike Corey at 12-12-24 and Andrew Santos 3-14-17.

Johnson ended his four-year AHS career with 36 goals and 47 assists for 83 points, while Mike Corey had 39 goals and 44 assists for 83 points.

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## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

## One and done

## BOYS BASKETBALL

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Two losses to Central Catholic ... two losses to Lawrence ... and one to Brookline.

## Huge lead

Taking the huge lead into the second half, it appeared that battle-tested (by way of a brutal non-league schedule) Andover would move on without much trouble.

But the Lawrence comeback, which took more than 11 of the final 16 minutes, culminated with a basket that capped a 30-9 run and put the Lancers ahead for the first time, 56-54.

Andover shot poorly in the second half, and the hungry Lancers were only giving the locals one opportunity almost every time down the floor.

Kevin Barrett led three Andover players into double figures with 20 points, 16 in the first half, shooting 60 percent from the floor (9-for-15) and nailing a pair of treys.

Chris Vetrano, who struggled with his shooting in the second half and did not register a three-pointer in the game, added 16 and Jack Barrett had 10.

Rounding out the attack were Drew Watts with seven points, Jon Deleo six and Tyler Richards four.

## Fazio in disbelief

Several days after the game, coach Fazio was still shaking his head in disbelief.

"I take the losses hard — probably harder than the kids do," he said.

"We've been so successful over the years — but we still haven't gotten where we want to (state title). We felt we had another good shot this year.

"If you told me after the season we had — the schedule we played and the teams we beat — that we'd lose a 19-point halftime lead in a tournament game ... I'd have called you crazy!"

"But, if we're committed to playing a schedule like that, we have to make sure no one comes into our house and beats us in the tournament," said Fazio.

"We played in front of eight full houses before this game so it wasn't the crowd that spooked our kids."

Talking about the surreal second half, Fazio was able to pinpoint some of the problems.

"They put (Luis) Perez on (Chris) Vetrano. It was a good move. It bothered us because Perez is a little taller and he's quick."

"Chris had a Jason Kidd-like first half. He was all over the court. But Perez shut him down."

"Jack Barrett was also in foul trouble and our attack suffered when he was on the bench."

"Let's not forget Lawrence is a very good basketball team," said Fazio. "They're dangerous in the transition game and on the boards."

"They shot about 70 percent from the floor in the second half and had about 20 layups. They extended their outlet passes and really got the fast break cranked up."

"At the same time we started missing shots and never got our shooting touch back."

"We were slow getting back on defense — for which there was no excuse — and some of the kids had that deer-in-the-headlights look."

"Unfortunately all those problems can't be cleared up in a 45-second timeout."

## No inking

Fazio said he saw no inking in the locker room at halftime that anything was going to change.

"We had just played our best half of the year. A tremendous 16 minutes of basketball."

"We talked about typical stuff. We reminded our guys to play like it was 0-0, and told them the referees might do a bit of 'scoreboard officiating'."

"We wanted to follow our usual pattern. Contest their shots and hold them under 50 points."

"I thought Lawrence would cave if we played them tough and no worse than even for the first four minutes."

In the other room the Lancers' agenda was clear. Have some fun and see what happens. After all, things couldn't get any worse.

"Lawrence came out and played loose because they had nothing to lose," said Fazio. "If we had just stayed the course we would have been fine."

In the first minute of the second half the Lancers quickly trimmed the deficit to 15 points, scoring a pair of baskets while Andover nonchalantly threw the ball out of bounds on its first possession.

Fazio jumped up off the bench immediately and called a timeout.

"Right away I didn't see the intensity we had in the first half."

The collapse was imminent. When play resumed things only got worse.

"The turnaround happened so fast," said Fazio. "They started hitting three-pointers. We had told our kids to drop back in the paint to prevent easy layups, which they did, but suddenly Lawrence couldn't miss from outside."

When the AHS coaches motioned for their players to move out and contest the Lancer shooters.

the spirit was willing but the legs didn't move fast enough.

"It was like everyone's feet were stuck in cement," said Fazio. "You can get nervous — but nervousness should never affect a player on defense."

## Too much pressure?

Turning the analysis on himself, former Central Catholic and Salem State College standout Fazio talked about possibly changing his coaching philosophy.

"We talk so much about winning a state title and winning the Christmas Tournament — from Day One — that it may put too much pressure on the kids."

"The first few years I was here we had some problems beating Central. Every year we'd emphasize 'beat Central ... beat Central' but it wasn't until we stopped talking about it that we started to beat them. Maybe the same will be true about the tournaments."

Fazio looks at current Central head coach Dick Licare, who was also at CCHS when Fazio played for the Raiders, as his mentor.

"Dickie said my players rely so much on me from an emotional standpoint. Maybe too much."

"I'm a very active and passionate coach. I wear my heart on my sleeve. I'm up off the bench a lot. I think our kids feed on that and we play with a lot of emotion. I believe it gives us an edge."

But Fazio is talking about tweaking his persona just a bit to become a kinder and gentler coach.

"In the second half against Lawrence the kids kept looking to me on the bench. But I wasn't the answer. The answer was them. They were the ones that had to do it."

"Maybe next year, during a couple of regular season games, I'll try to sit back and let them (players) find their way through the game. It

LAWRENCE 71, ANDOVER 63  
Division 1 North, Quarterfinal  
at Dunn Gym

Lawrence — Juan Vasquez 1-0-2, Angelo Taveras 11-1-27, Luis Perez 3-6-13, Joel Gomez 2-4-8, Juan Nunez 3-2-8, Hector Paniagua 2-5-9, Miguel Lara 2-0-4. Totals: 24-18-71.  
Andover — Kevin Barrett 9-0-20, Tyler Richards 2-0-4, Jon Deleo 2-2-6, Jack Barrett 3-3-10, Drew Watts 3-0-7, Chris Vetrano 6-4-16, Jarrett Mackin 0-0-0. Totals: 25-9-63.  
Halftime: Andover, 45-26. 3-pointers: A, KBarrett 2, JBarrett 1, Watts 1; L, Taveras 4, Perez 1. Records: Andover 18-5, Lawrence 17-5.

won't be easy and I don't even know if I can do it. But it might be worth a try."

## Positive notes

As much as he is aching to hang a State Division 1 Championship banner in the Dunn Gym, Fazio knows full well there is more to athletics than accolades.

"Forgetting about titles, we're proud our kids show up on time, work hard and get the most from their ability. The process is so much more important than any trophy at the end."

"This year's team definitely overachieved. We beat teams we had no business beating, like B.C. High, Brockton and Lawrence."

"You compare rosters and some people think we don't deserve to be within 20 points of them. But our guys believe in themselves and that's worth a lot. It's remarkable to finish 18-4 against that schedule."

## Thanks all around

The Golden Warriors will graduate three seniors, and Capt. Kevin Barrett, Tyler Richards and Drew Watts were all key cogs in the wheel this season.

"I thank those three kids," said Fazio. "Kevin, Wattie and Tyler all made the commitment last off-season to get bigger, stronger and improve their skills."

"They were selfless leaders and each one had their chance to shine."

Fazio also thanked the Andover community and AHS student body for their support.

"I think people fell in love with this team because it was so much fun to watch and over-achieved so much. You have to love the underdog."

"We packed the gym for a lot of our Tuesday night games and that's rare."

## Team meeting

This past Tuesday the team held a meeting to elect captains for next year, who will join returning Capt. Vetrano.

Plans are also being finalized for the annual team dinner later this month. At that gathering watches will be presented to the senior players and several gifts, such as T-shirts and sweaters, will also be distributed.

## Vetrano countdown

Chris Vetrano will have to wait until next year to shatter both Tom McLaughlin's AHS boys career points record and Charlotte Muller's overall school mark.

Vetrano finished the season with 516 points, which gives him 1,526 career points.

McLaughlin, who missed his entire senior year with a knee injury, scored 1,564 in three seasons between 1997-2000.

Charlotte Muller produced 1,600 points from 1994-98.

## A step closer...

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

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busters in the second half.

"Hughes was all over the court and Muller and McLaughlin were simply themselves."

"Powers and Merinder contributed strong efforts off the bench, giving us just what we want and need from our 6th and 7th players."

"Merry Fish also spelled Powers and she handled the ball extremely well," said Tildsley.

Lynn Classical won a pair of tourney games to earn its berth, including an impressive quarterfinal win over Cambridge Rindge & Latin.

## QUARTERFINAL

## Andover 62

## Central Catholic 43

It was the hottest sports ticket around.

Seemingly every hoop fan in the Merrimack Valley wanted to see the rubber game between the Andover

and Central Catholic girls basketball teams.

After splitting a pair of regular season tussles, with Central costing Andover a perfect record with a 53-50 tug-of-war win last month, the showdown for supremacy brought higher stakes and was to be played on the larger MIAA State Tournament stage.

Those anticipating a down-to-the-wire nailbiter were disappointed, as the Lady Warriors hit the ground running and left Central Catholic far behind.

A packed house watched Andover launch its Division 1 North Tournament run by picking apart its archrival, 62-43, in the locals' final home game of the 2002-03 season at the Dunn Gym.

AHS won its 20th game of the season and now has reached that lofty 20-victory plateau three straight years and five of the last six.

## Almost perfect

Bent on avenging their only loss of the season, the Lady Warriors came about as close as they could to a perfect performance in a sport that delights in bringing out the imperfections of its participants.

The winners dominated the boards at both ends of the floor and played their trademark aggressive defense.

Taking charge from the start, Andover vaulted to a commanding 30-19 halftime edge, built the lead to 25 points (53-28) midway through the second half and maxed the advantage at 30 with a 62-32 cushion before Central closed with a meaningless 11-0 run.

As she has throughout her illustrious four-year AHS career, senior guard and Capt. Jenny Muller rose to the occasion with an equal display of passion and skill.

"Jenny was immense at both ends of the court," marveled Andover head coach Tildsley. "Just when you think you've seen her best performance she comes up with a better one."

In addition to 18 points, Muller passed out six assists and held the

Central player she was guarding scoreless.

"She continues to amaze with the things she can do on a basketball court," said Tildsley.

Andover, four wins from a state title, is now a spectacular 81-9 in Muller's four seasons.

## Four in doubles

The balanced and unselfish winners placed four players in double figures, with Ashley McLaughlin contributing 11 points, Samantha Hughes 11 and Matia Kostakis 10.

Jackie Powers and Merry Fish completed the attack with six points each.

The ever-improving Kostakis and the rock-solid McLaughlin continued to terrorize opponents on the boards, Kostakis ripping down 18 rebounds and A-Mac adding nine.

McLaughlin blocked five shots and Kostakis blanketed Central All-Conference standout Alana McNeil on defense, holding her to just four points.

Meagan Merinder collected seven boards and Powers had six assists and three rebounds.

"Powers and Merinder came off the bench and sparkled," said Tildsley. "We didn't skip a beat when they were on the floor."

"We dominated the boards and we were very aggressive in every aspect of the game."

"When we play the way we did tonight no one can touch us. We got after it from the beginning and never let up."

Andover finished undefeated at home with a perfect 10-0 record at the Dunn.

Youthful Central did not have a player in double figures, as sophomore Kait Folinus and freshman Shelly Smyt led the offense with nine and seven points respectively.

## Scoring leaders

Muller, headed to Tufts University next fall, is the top scorer through 22 games with 365 points. She also has 1,443 career points,



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Andover's Samantha Hughes gets the shot off to score in spite of a tough defense from Lynn Classical HS. Andover won 53-40.

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## BRIEFS

## By Rick Harrison

Andover High football standout Russell Stevens has been selected to play in the 25th Shriners Classic scheduled for June 20 at Bentley College in Waltham.

Stevens, a senior, was an outstanding 6'3", 270-pound two-way tackle on the AHS grid team the past three years.

He will play for the North All-Stars.

The Hoop Town Basketball Camp, run by Dave Fazio, will have three weekly sessions for girls and three weekly sessions for boys this summer.

The girls camp will run June 30-July 3, July 7-11 and July 14-18; while the boys will run July 21-25, July 28-Aug. 1 and Aug. 4-8.

The 10th annual Andover Warrior Summer Baseball School will run in three sessions scheduled June 30-July 3, July 7-11 and July 14-18. Daily workouts will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The camp is open to youngsters ages 7 to 15 years.

For more information call camp director Ken Maglio at 978-623-8709, or ken.maglio@verizon.net.

## MITE-Y CHAMPS



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The 3rd Annual Lowell Lock Monsters Mite Tournament was held at the Janus Rink in Tewksbury. All teams played three games during the February vacation week, with the first- and second-place teams playing a fourth game for the championship. Andover lost the first game, 2-0, vs Burlington, but won the second game, 8-0, vs Tewksbury. Then Andover won the third game, 8-1, vs Billerica. Andover then played in the championship game against Burlington and won 2-1. From left are (first row, kneeling): Charles Heseltine, Jimmy Walsh, Cam Farnham, Colby Gilbert, Cam Johst, Patrick O'Sullivan. Standing, second row: Taylor Perkins, Tyler Weeks, C.J. Dona, Brendan Paquette, David Belluche, Jake O'Brien, Andrew Erickson. In the back row, from left are: Asst. Coach Chris Paquette, Head Coach Charles Heseltine, Asst. Coach Phil Weeks, Lowell Lock Monsters Mascot Louie.

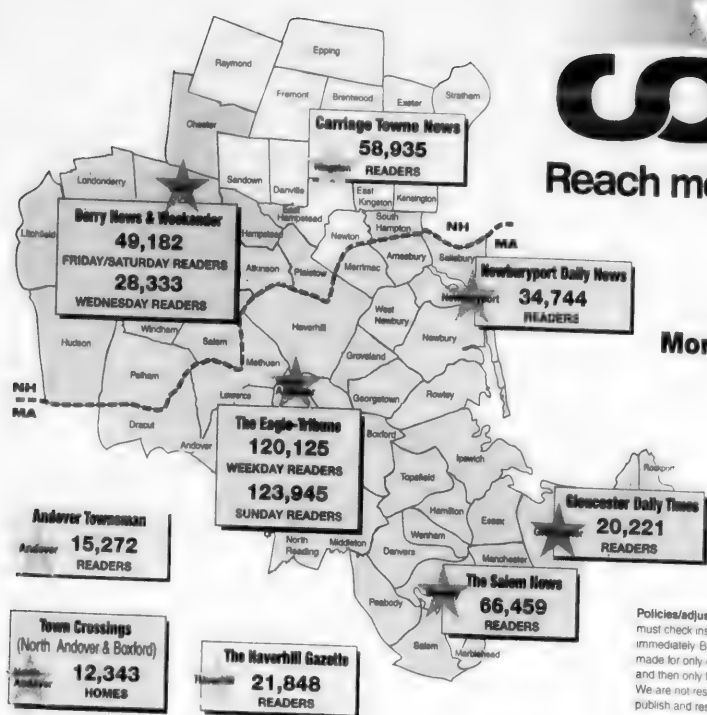


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March 6, 2003

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03P0433GMI

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**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR**

To all persons interested in the above captioned matter, a petition has been presented praying that SAGHI BOZORGZAD of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX and AKBAR YAZDI of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX, a minor, be appointed guardian of the person and the estate with custody of AMIRNEZAM KHIABANI of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX, a minor, to serve without surety.

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March 6, 2003

### TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, Section 5, on a petition by the Andover Planning Board to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 7.7. That would allow the ZBA to issue a special permit for accessory dwelling units in existing or new owner occupied single-family dwellings. The full text of the petition may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD**  
Paul Salafia, Chairman

February 27, March 6, 2003

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**THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD**  
Paul Salafia, Chairman

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department ESSEX Division Docket No.

03P0231EP1

In the ESTATE of SAUL JOSEPH HOFFMAN AKA S. JOSEPH HOFFMAN Late of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX

Date of Death August 25, 2002

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that RUTH V. HOFFMAN of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

**IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 31, 2003.**

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, February 25, 2003. Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate Court

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No. 286988

To: Brian J. Callery Olga M. Callery

Callery and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended First Bank Milwaukee, N.A., as Trustee Under Salem Brothers Mortgage Securities VII Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 1999-NC4 claiming to be the holder of mortgage covering real property in Andover numbered 32 Lincoln Circle West given by Brian J. Callery and Olga M. Callery to New Century Mortgage Corporation dated June 25, 1999 and recorded with the Essex County Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 5485 Page 255, and now held by Plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 31st day of March, 2003, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 10th day of February, 2003.

Anne-Marie J. Breuer, Deputy Recorder

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### LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING



A public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of Memorial Hall Library in Memorial Hall, Top Floor, Memorial Hall, Library Elm Square, Andover, MA 01810 on March 19, 2003 at 4:45 PM to review the library's Internet Access Policy. The current policy may be viewed on the library's web page at <http://www.mhl.org/policiesinternet.htm> March 3, 2002

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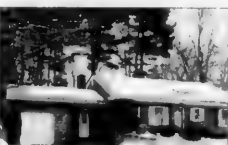
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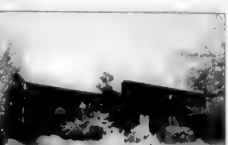
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# WARRANT THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ESSEX, SS.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Andover

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet and assemble at the designated polling place. All nine precincts: Precinct One, Precinct Two, Precinct Three, Precinct Four, Precinct Five, Precinct Six, Precinct Seven, Precinct Eight and Precinct Nine are to vote at the Field House, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, in said Andover, on

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, 2003**

at seven o'clock A.M. to act upon the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect a Moderator for one year, two Selectmen for three years, two School Committee members for three years, one member of the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee for three years, one member of the Andover Housing Authority for five years and five members of the Trustees of the Pundard Free School for three years.

All of the above candidates are to be voted on one ballot. The polls will be open from seven o'clock A.M. to eight o'clock P.M.

After the final action on the preceding Article One, the said meeting shall stand adjourned by virtue of Chapter 39, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to Monday, April 28, 2003, at seven o'clock P.M. in the Field House, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, in said Andover, then and there to begin acting upon articles that follow in this warrant.

**ARTICLE 2.** To elect all other officers not required by law to be elected by ballot.

On request of the Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 3.** To establish the salaries of the elected officers for the ensuing year.

On request of the Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from amounts previously appropriated at the April 22, 2002 Annual Town Meeting as authorized by MGL Chapter 44, Section 33B or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement appropriations voted at the April 22, 2002 Annual Town Meeting or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 7.** To see what amount the Town will vote to permit the Assessors to use in free cash to reduce the Fiscal Year 2004 tax rate and to affect appropriations voted at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 8.** To see what disposition shall be made of unexpended appropriations and free cash in the treasury.

On request of the Town Manager as recommended by the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote the following consent articles or take any other action related thereto:

A. Grant Program Authorization

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Manager to apply for, accept and enter into contracts from time to time for the expenditure of any funds allotted to Andover by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the U. S. Government under any State or Federal grant program or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

B. Road Contracts

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department Commissioners or the Federal Government for the construction and maintenance of public highways in the Town of Andover for the ensuing year or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

C. Town Report

To act upon the report of the Town officers or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

D. Property Tax Exemptions

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 to allow an additional property tax exemption for Fiscal Year 2004 for those persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5 or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Assessors

E. Contracts in Excess of Three Years

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 12(b), to authorize the Town Manager or the Superintendent of Schools to solicit and award contracts for terms exceeding three years but no greater than five years, including any renewal, extension or option, provided in each instance the longer term is determined to be in the best interest of the Town by a vote of the Board of Selectmen or the School Committee, as appropriate, or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

F. Accepting Easements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to accept grants of easements for streets, water, drainage, sewer and utility purposes on terms and conditions the Board and the Committee deem in the best interests of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

G. Granting Easements

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee to grant easements for water, drainage, sewer and utility purposes on terms and conditions the Board and the Committee deem in the best interests of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

H. Rescinding of Bond Authorizations

To see if the Town will vote to rescind unissued bond authorizations from prior Town Meetings or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town to acquire any necessary easements by gift, by purchase or by right of eminent domain for Chapter 90 Highway Construction or any other federal or state aid program for road or sidewalk improvements or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Accountant

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation a sum not to exceed \$25,000 for the purpose of continuing to provide for an elderly and disabled transportation subsidy program or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Council on Aging

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the 2003 Independence Day fireworks celebration or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$19,500 for the purpose of leasing, purchasing, installing and maintaining holiday lights in the downtown area including, but not limited to, Elm Green, Andover Town House, Memorial Hall Library, Town Offices and the trees lining Main Street from Elm Square to Old Andover Village or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 or take any other action related thereto:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Use of Fund	Revenue Source	FY-2004 Limit
A. Community Development & Planning Department	Division Heads	Advertising legal hearing notice expenses for permit applications	Applicant Fees	\$30,000
B. Title V - Health Division	Public Health Director	Inspections and testing associated with Title V septic system regulations	Title V upgrade permit fee	\$20,000
C. Health Clinic	Public Health Director	Clinic supplies and other expenses	Clinic participant fees	\$5,000
D. Division of Community Services	Community Services Director	Trips, ticket sales and special programs and activities	Participant fees	\$260,000
E. Division of Youth Services	Youth Services Director	All programs and activities expenses, part-time help	Participant fees	\$150,000
F. Field Maintenance	Plant and Facilities Director	Field maintenance, upgrade and related expenses	Field rental fees	\$50,000
G. Division of Elder Services	Elder Services Director	Senior programs, classes and activities	Participant fees	\$200,000
H. Public Safety	Chief of Police	Maintenance and purchase of public safety radio and antennae equipment	Lease agreements for antenna users	\$50,000

On request of the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and name as a public way any or all of the following five (5) streets: Andover Country Club Lane, Douglass Lane, Hitchcock Farm Road, Mortimer Drive and Regency Ridge as further described below:

16A. Andover Country Club Lane, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board entitled "Definitive Subdivision of Section 5 Modification Plan of Land, Andover Country Club, Andover Massachusetts", dated September 7, 1994 (revised) and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 12513.

16B. Douglass Lane, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Massachusetts, Douglass Crossing", dated March 31, 1997 (revised) and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 13137.

16C. Hitchcock Farm Road, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Massachusetts, Hitchcock Farm Road", dated December 23, 1987 and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 11191.

16D. Mortimer Drive, as shown on a plan approved by the Andover Planning Board entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Massachusetts, Douglass Crossing", dated March 31, 1997 (revised) and recorded in the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 13137.

16E. Regency Ridge: To see if the Town will approve the actions of the Board of Selectmen in laying out as a public way under the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 21 of the Massachusetts General Laws designated as Regency Ridge and to accept said Regency Ridge as a public way, approve the Drainage Easements and Water Easements as shown on the plans provided. Copies of the following plans have been filed with the Town Clerk as required under Section 23 of Chapter 82: "Street Acceptance, Plan of Land in Andover, Massachusetts, Regency Heights", Scale 1" = 40' dated October 9, 2002, prepared by Dana F. Perkins, Inc.

or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 32B, Section 91 of the General Laws related to the payment of health insurance premiums of Town employees on military leave of absence for active service or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds remaining in completed water projects and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the purpose of developing engineering plans and specifications to rehabilitate various town water storage tanks or take any action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation or by transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500,000 to the Accumulated Employee Benefit Account for funding accrued employee vacation and sick leave liabilities upon being eligible for retirement under the Andover Contributory Retirement System and terminating employment with the Town or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Town Accountant

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by borrowing and appropriate the sum of \$4,480,000 for the purpose of improving and upgrading the ozone purification system including costs incidental and related thereto and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore or take any action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter as follows: In Section 3(b) delete "a planning board of appeals"; and in Section 3(d) delete "a board of public welfare"; and to add "in this charter, words in the masculine gender shall be interpreted to include the feminine gender" as the third paragraph of Section 4; and to authorize the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation to accomplish the foregoing or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws as follows

In Article III, Section 2(b)(1)(c) delete "Planning Board of Appeals" so that Article III, Section 2(b)(1) will read as follows:

- (1) By the Board of Selectmen
- Town Manager
  - Zoning Board of Appeals
  - Officers and registrars of voters other than the Town Clerk
  - Town Accountant

or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws as follows

In Article III Section 2(b)(2)(e) delete "Board of Public Welfare" so that Article III Section 2(b)(2) will be:

- (2) By the Town Manager, subject to the approval of the Selectmen
- Town Clerk
  - Town Treasurer
  - Tax Collector
  - Board of Public Health
  - Planning Board
  - Board of Assessors
  - Board of Library Trustees
  - Town Counsel
  - All other officers, boards, committees and employees of the Town except those reserved by these bylaws or by other law to another appointing or electing authority

or take any other action related thereto.

On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds remaining in completed water projects and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of upgrading and replacing water mains and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain or take any action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by borrowing and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of reconstructing the retaining wall on Red Spring Road between Cuba Street and Shawsheen Road including sidewalk construction and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore or take any action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer custody and control to the Board of Selectmen and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to abandon all of the Town's right, title and interest in and to a portion of a certain sewer line easement which is located on land at 83 River Street and shown on Plan in Book number 5666, page 134 as duly recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds. Said abandonment shall be upon the following conditions: (1) that prior to abandonment of the easement, the Selectmen accept the grant of the new sewer line easement location shown on the attached Certified Plot Plan prepared for said property, dated January 14, 2003 by John Abagis and Associates, Professional Land Surveyors.

On request of Susan K. Davis and others

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds remaining in completed sewer projects and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of developing engineering plans and specifications for sewer main replacements and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain or take any action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or by any combination of the foregoing and appropriate the sum of \$230,000 for the purpose of design and construction of athletic fields on town or school property including costs incidental and related thereto and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements by gift, purchase or eminent domain and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore or take any action related thereto.

On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII of the Zoning Bylaw and add the following section:

7.9. Dimensional Special Permit - Historic Preservation

7.9.1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this by-law is to encourage the preservation of buildings, structures, sites and settings of historic significance, by allowing such buildings or features to remain in place, or be moved to another location rather than be demolished or otherwise compromised. The by-law gives the Board of Appeals authority to issue a special permit modifying certain dimensional standards for the creation of new lots or for the use of existing lots for purposes of preservation of historic structures or buildings as defined herein.

7.9.2. Historic Structures Defined

For purposes of a Dimensional Special Permit for Historic Preservation the historic building or structure must be located in the Town of Andover and must be listed on one of the following:

- The National Register of Historic Places
- The State (Commonwealth of Massachusetts) Register of Historic Places; and
- The Andover Historic Building Survey

7.9.3. Parent Parcel Defined.

A parent parcel is the parcel of land that is to be divided.

7.9.4. Standards and Regulations

The following specific standards shall be applied to a dimensional special permit for historic preservation:

- The lot must be located in the SRA, SRC or SRB zoning district.
- Any new lot created under this by-law in any single family residential zoning district shall contain not less than one-half the minimum lot area for the zoning district in which it is proposed, and such minimum lot area shall be contiguous upland, free of wetlands.

3. Lot frontage and building setbacks on new lots created under this by-law shall be as follows:

- In the SRA district: Frontage 50 feet; Front - 25 feet; Side - 10 feet; Rear 30 feet
- In the SRB district: Frontage 75 feet; Front - 35 feet; Side - 15 feet; Rear 30 feet
- In the SRC district: Frontage 100 feet; Front - 35 feet; Side - 20 feet; Rear 30 feet

4. Any new lot created under this by-law shall have its required frontage on a public way as measured at the street line.

5. Any new lot created under this by-law in the Single Residence A or Single Residence B zoning district shall be served by municipal sanitary sewer and water.

6. Any new lot created under this by-law in the Single Residence C zoning district shall be served by municipal water, and if sanitary sewer is not available the lot shall be in fact capable of supporting an on-site sewage disposal system, or in the event that said lot is not serviced by municipal sanitary sewer and water at the time of the zoning board hearing, but the zoning board finds that sewer will be available, the zoning board shall make as a condition of its approval that no occupancy permit shall issue until the lot is serviced by municipal sanitary sewer and water.

7. Other than when there is an existing historic structure on the parent parcel, which is the subject of a related special permit application, no new lot may be created that would render the parent parcel of land non-conforming with regard to dimensional requirements, including but not limited to area and frontage.

8. A vacant existing non-conforming lot need not meet the standards set forth in sections 1 through 3 above, however, the provisions of 4 and 5 will apply.

9. The special permit granting authority shall determine whether or not a historic structure or building can be placed on a lot without detrimental effect on abutting properties or the street on which the lot has its frontage.

7.9.5. Findings Required

Priority in granting a Dimensional Special Permit for Historic Preservation shall, in all cases, be placed upon keeping buildings and structures in place, rather than moving them to other locations, provided that the existing site can be shown to represent valid historical setting and context. Moving of structures or buildings to other locations shall be considered only if no other preservation measures are practical or reasonable on the existing site, or if the proposed removal is to return a building or structure to an original or more historically accurate location.

In addition to the findings required under Section 9.4.2 of the zoning by-law and the foregoing standards and regulations, the permit granting authority shall consider the following specific items:

- That the modification of dimensional requirements is necessary to protect, preserve or maintain a historic structure or building.
- That the proposed work, including any relocation of the structure or building, preserves to the maximum extent feasible, the historical and architectural features of the structure or building.
- That in the absence of a special permit, destruction of a historic structure or building will result.

7.9.6. Conditions to be Imposed

If the zoning board of appeals grants the special permit, it shall impose, as minimum conditions, the following:

- In the event of a catastrophic event which results in damage to the historic structure such that the historic structure cannot be repaired, the owner may rebuild on the lot provided that the new dwelling does not contain more than the same interior floor area as the historic structure and meets one of the following requirements:
  - the new dwelling is placed in the existing footprint, or
  - the new dwelling is built in conformity with the zoning side, front and rear setbacks in effect at the time of rebuilding.
- Prior to the move the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Andover shall approve the route and the timing of the move of the building or structure.

3. In the event that the owner of the lot wishes to make changes to the historic structure after it is relocated, it must submit any changes to the Preservation Commission for its review and approval. If the Preservation Commission determines that the change is not a minor change, the owner must seek a modification of the special permit from the Zoning Board.

4. Upon the appeal period expiring, the applicant shall submit the approved plan to the Planning Board for an "approval not required endorsement" Pursuant to Chapter 41, Section 81P of the General Laws. Such an endorsement shall be a condition of the special permit approval.

5. The owner shall record at the Essex North District Registry of Deeds an Historic Preservation Restriction in the form approved by the zoning board of appeals, and approved and endorsed by the Massachusetts Historical Commission in accordance with Chapter 184, Section 32, of the General Laws, which shall at a minimum provide for conditions under which alterations, additions or modifications may be made and in the event of damage to the historic structure such that the historic structure cannot be repaired, the owner may rebuild on the lot provided that the new dwelling does not contain more than the same interior floor area as the historic structure and meets one of the following requirements: (i) the new dwelling is placed in the existing footprint, or (ii) the new dwelling is built in conformity with the zoning side, front and rear setbacks in effect at the time of rebuilding. Any mortgagee shall subordinate its mortgage to this restriction.

6. When the decision of the Board of Appeals on the application for a dimensional special permit for historic preservation has become final, the applicant shall submit the plan upon which the decision is based to the Planning Board for certification as an Approval Not Required plan pursuant to Chapter 81, Section 41P of the General Laws. The Notice of Decision of the Board of Appeals, the approved and endorsed Historic Preservation Restriction with any required mortgagee subordination, and the Approval Not Required plan certified by the Planning Board shall be recorded concurrently at the Essex North District Registry of Deeds.

7.9.7. Application Requirements and Procedure

Sixteen (16) copies of an application for a Dimensional Special Permit for Historic Preservation shall be filed with the Board of Appeals. Copies of the application will be distributed to the interdepartmental review team and a review shall be conducted involving but not limited to staff representatives of Planning, Preservation Commission, any applicable Historic District Commission, Building, Health, Conservation, School, Public Works, Police and Fire.



Comments from the interdepartmental review shall be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The application shall include the following information:

1. A plan prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor and/or Professional Engineer showing the lot proposed to be created or used for the preservation of an historic structure or building. The plan shall be suitable for purposes of submission as an Approval Not Required plan. The plan shall be at a scale of 1"=20', on a sheet size not smaller than 11" X 24", and not larger than 18" X 24", and shall show the following information:
  - a. All existing and proposed property lines with bearings and distances;
  - b. If the application is for the creation of a new lot, then the parent parcel from which the lot is being taken shall also be shown at the same scale;
  - c. The location and size of all existing structures or buildings on and adjacent to the proposed lot, and the distances between all existing and proposed structures or buildings;
  - d. The public way on which the existing or proposed lot will have its frontage;
  - e. Proposed front, side and rear building setback lines;
  - f. Existing and proposed topography (grading);
  - g. Significant trees or other natural features;
  - h. The location and type of utilities serving the lot;
  - i. Wetlands delineation;
  - j. The name of the owner and all parties having any interest in the lot, including book and page numbers of the documents at the Registry of Deeds which describe such an interest;
  - k. A copy of the deed of ownership shall be included with the application; and
  - l. all easements on the lot.
2. If the historic structure is going to be relocated, a map showing the route over which the historic structure or building will be moved;
3. If the historic structure is going to be relocated, a letter from the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Tree Warden of the Town and the Director of Public Works approving the route. It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact and obtain approvals (if needed) from utility companies having overhead cables, lines or wires along the route, and from the Massachusetts Highway Department if a state roadway is involved and from the Director of Public Works, Police Chief and Fire Chief of any city or town included on the route. The applicant is responsible for any costs associated with police supervision along the route;
4. An approval letter from the Preservation Commission, certifying that the structure is an historic structure, as defined in this by-law and any recommended conditions for the special permit;
5. A statement of any changes to be made to the historic structure;
6. The provisions of Sections 9.4.1. through 9.4.7. of the Zoning By-law shall apply to the application, hearing, decision, conditions and lapse of a dimensional special permit for historic preservation;
7. A Dimensional Special Permit issued under this by-law shall contain an account of all required findings and considerations made by the permit granting authority in its decision to allow such exception to the by-laws." or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Andover Preservation Commission, whichever is appropriate under the circumstances, to accept preservation restrictions upon land on terms and conditions the Board of Selectmen or Andover Preservation Commission deem to be in the best interest of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board and Preservation Commission

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XII, Section 33, subsection (4)d.3. of the General Bylaws by deleting the words "six (6) months" in the second sentence of the first paragraph and replacing it with the words "twelve (12) months" and deleting the words "six-month period" in the last sentence of the first paragraph and replacing it with the words "twelve-month period" or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Preservation Commission

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VIII of the Zoning Bylaw and add the following section:

#### 7.8. Dimensional Special Permit - Affordable Housing

##### 7.8.1. Purpose and Intent:

The purpose of this by-law is to encourage the development of affordable housing in the Town of Andover by increasing the supply of housing in the town that is available to low and moderate-income households. The by-law gives the Board of Appeals authority to issue a special permit modifying dimensional standards for the use of existing non-conforming lots for purposes of affordable housing as defined herein.

##### 7.8.2. Affordable Housing Defined

For purposes of a Dimensional Special Permit for Affordable Housing, affordable housing is defined as any housing subsidized by the federal or state or local government under any program to assist the construction of affordable housing as defined in the applicable federal or state statute, whether built or operated by any public agency or any nonprofit or limited dividend organization. Any local program shall be subject to applicable state regulations or guidelines.

##### 7.8.3. Standards and Regulations

The following specific standards shall be applied to a dimensional special permit for affordable housing:

1. At least ninety (90%) percent of the area of the lot shall be comprised of contiguous uplands.
2. The lot shall be served by municipal sanitary sewer and water. In the event municipal sewer is not available the lot shall be capable of supporting an on-site sewage disposal system.
3. There may not be more than one (1) single family dwelling on the lot.
4. No dwelling unit may contain more than two (2000) thousand square feet of living area, exclusive of garage space.
5. The Board of Appeals may establish setback requirements that are compatible with adjoining properties.

##### 7.8.4. Findings Required:

In addition to the findings required under Section 9.4.2. of the zoning by-law, the permit granting authority shall consider the following specific items:

1. That the modification of dimensional requirements is necessary to accomplish the purpose and intent of this by-law.
2. That the proposed dwelling is compatible with the existing neighborhood with regard to size and architecture.
3. That in the absence of a special permit, the use of an existing non-conforming lot would not be available for affordable housing.

##### 7.8.5. Conditions to Be Imposed:

If the Board of Appeals grants the special permit, it shall impose as conditions of approval, the following:

1. In the event of a catastrophic event which results in damage to the affordable dwelling such that it cannot be repaired, the owner may rebuild on the lot provided that the new dwelling does not contain more than the same interior floor area as the original dwelling, and meets one of the following requirements:
  - a. The new dwelling is placed in the same footprint as the original structure; or
  - b. The new dwelling is built in conformity with the zoning side, front and rear setbacks in effect at the time of the rebuilding.
2. The owner shall record at the North Essex Registry of Deeds an Affordable Housing Restriction in the form approved by the Board of Appeals, and approved and endorsed by the Director of Housing and Community Development in accordance with Chapter 184, sections 31 and 32 of the General Laws, which restriction shall include, but not be limited to the following conditions:
  - a. The residential unit shall serve households with household income at or below eighty (80%) percent of the area median income.
  - b. The residential unit shall have a deed restriction and resale formula that keeps the unit permanently affordable.
  - c. The sale of the unit shall be subject to an affirmative and fair marketing plan.
  - d. Any mortgagee shall subordinate its mortgage to this restriction.
3. When the decision of the Board of Appeals on the application for a dimensional special permit for affordable housing has become final, the Notice of Decision and the approved and endorsed Affordable Housing Restriction with any required mortgagee subordination shall be recorded concurrently at the Essex North District Registry of Deeds.

##### 7.8.6. Application Requirements and Procedure:

Sixteen (16) copies of an application for a Dimensional Special Permit for Affordable Housing shall be filed with the Board of Appeals. Copies of the application will be distributed to the interdepartmental review team and a review shall be conducted involving but not limited to staff representatives of Planning, Building, Health, Public Works, Conservation, School, Police, and Fire. Comments from the interdepartmental review shall be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The application shall include the following information:

1. A plan prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor and/or Professional Engineer showing the lot proposed to be used for the development of affordable housing. The plan shall be at a scale of 1" = 20', on a sheet size not smaller than 11" x 24", and not larger than 18" x 24", and shall show the following information:
  - a. All existing property lines with bearings and distances;
  - b. The location and size of all existing structures or buildings on and adjacent to the lot, and the distances between all existing and proposed structures or buildings;
  - c. The public way on which the lot has its frontage;
  - d. Proposed front, side and rear building setback lines;
  - e. Existing and proposed topography (grading);
  - f. Significant trees or other natural features;
  - g. The location and type of utilities serving the lot;
  - h. All wetland areas as shown on the Town's Wetland Maps, or as determined by the Conservation Commission;
  - i. The name of the owner and all parties having any interest in the lot, including book and page numbers of the documents at the Registry of Deeds which describe such an interest;
  - j. A copy of the deed of ownership shall be included with the application;
  - k. All easements on the lot shall be shown as to location, dimensions and type.
  - l. Preliminary architectural details of the proposed affordable dwelling to be constructed on the lot, including square footage, number of bedrooms, height, and proposed exterior details;
2. A letter from the Andover Housing Partnership Committee indicating that the applicant has presented the proposal to the committee at a regular public meeting. The letter may contain any recommended conditions for the special permit.
3. The provisions of Sections 9.4.1. through 9.4.7. of the zoning by-law shall apply to the application, hearing, decision, conditions and lapse of a dimensional special permit for affordable housing.
4. A Dimensional Special Permit issued under this by-law shall contain an account of all required findings and considerations made by the permit granting authority in its decision to allow such exception to the by-laws." or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board and Housing Partnership Committee

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept affordable housing restrictions upon land on terms and conditions the Board of Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law by adding the following subsection to Section 9.4. (Special Permits)

"9.4.9. Interdepartmental Review. Unless otherwise specifically required under this by-law, the SPGA may require that an interdepartmental review be conducted on an application for a special permit."

or take any other action related thereto

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Andover General Bylaw, Article XII, Section 36, by deleting the following from subsection 7.B.3:

Article VII, Section VI, subsection A of the Town of Andover Zoning Bylaw" and replacing it with the following language: "Article VIII, Section 5.0, subsection 5.1 of the Town of Andover Zoning Bylaw"; and by deleting the following from subsection 7.B.7.: "Article VII, Section VI, subsection B., paragraph 2" and replacing it with the following language: "Article VIII, Section 5.0, subsection 5.2, paragraph 2.6"; and by deleting the following from subsection 7.B.8.c): "Article VIII, Section VI, subsection B" and replacing it with the following language: "Article VIII, Section 5.0, subsection 5.2"; and by adding the following language to subsection 7.B.9.: "and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR."

or take any other action related thereto

#### On request of the Inspector of Buildings

**ARTICLE 36.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey real estate located at 41 Lowell Junction Road and identified at Assessors Map 159, Parcel 9, containing approximately 40,460 square feet, on terms and conditions determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 37.** To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes to the General Bylaw:

Delete Article XI, Section 6, Town Clerk's Fees, in its entirety

Delete Article XI, Section 7, Licensing and regulation of shooting galleries and shooting ranges, Paragraph (5), in its entirety and replace it with the following language:

"The fee for such licenses shall be set by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22F."

Delete Article XII, Section 11, Dogs, Paragraph (n) Fees, (1) in its entirety and replace it with the following language:

"(n) Fees, (1): The fee for such licenses shall be set by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 22F."

40, Section 22F and M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 139."

Delete Article XII, Section 22, Storage of inflammables, in its entirety and replace it with the following language:

"All license fees for the storage of inflammables in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 148, Section 13 will be set by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22F."

Delete Article XII, Section 40, Pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers, III., C., by eliminating the second sentence of the paragraph and replacing it with the following language:

"Each license fee shall be set by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 22F." or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XII, Section 35, subsection 7(2) of the General Bylaws by deleting the first sentence and replacing it with the following:

"The fines listed in subsection 7(1) may be enforced as provided for in M.G. L. Chapter 40, Section 21D (non-criminal disposition). Notwithstanding any decision made by a State court acting pursuant to M.G. L. Chapter 40, Section 21D, the Board of Health may, after conducting its own hearing, impose the suspensions listed in subsection 7(1)." or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Board of Health

**ARTICLE 39.** To see if the Town will vote to accept provisions of Chapter 184, Section 51 of the Acts of 2002 amending General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C to adjust (1) the income and asset requirements seniors must meet to qualify for the exemption; and (2) the amount of the exemption the Town may grant to eligible seniors; and (3) the requisite age of eligibility, all beginning fiscal year 2004 or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Board of Assessors

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a parcel of land as shown on a plan of land entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Mass. - Hitchcock Farm Road", drawn for Chukker One Realty Trust, Scale 1" = 40', dated December 23, 1987, drawn by Dana F. Perkins & Associates, Inc., to the care, custody and control of the Andover Conservation Commission. Said plan is recorded in the Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan #11191, described in Book 2770, Page 190. The parcels to be transfer are shown as Parcel A on said plan, containing 10.35 acres of land; or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of Planning Board

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to repeal an amendment to an inter-municipal sewer agreement with Tewksbury and Lowell approved by the Selectmen on May 20, 2002 which would provide sewer access to the proposed development, Avalon at St. Clare, at 460 River Road, and to rescind the authorization given to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen under Article 36 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1997 or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of PAZ - Protect Andover Zoning and others

**ARTICLE 42.** To see if the Town will vote to add the following to the General Bylaw, Section 20, concerning "Sidewalk Snow Removal":

"The owner of any building or land abutting a public sidewalk in any other part of Town shall cause snow to be removed from the said sidewalk within sixteen (16) hours after the end of the snowfall. The Town may grant exceptions to this deadline where its operations spill now onto sidewalks, making removal by the owner a burden.

In any part of Town, whether or not a sidewalk is plowed by the Town, it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the abutting sidewalks reasonably clear of ice and snow, including entrances to street crosswalks. No person, unless directed by the Town, may throw, plow, blow or shovel snow onto a public sidewalk."

#### On request of Harry L. Voorhees and others

**ARTICLE 43.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a parcel of land to the Conservation Commission, said land bounded and described as follows:

An island with the buildings thereon situated in Andover, Massachusetts, near the dam in Foster's Pond, about 200 yards from a road leading from the old Boston Road to the new road to Boston and described as follows:

Beginning at a prominent rock on the Southerly side of said island and running by the water

NORTH 21 1/4 degrees E. about 90 feet; thence

NORTH 7 1/2 degrees E. about 125 feet; thence

NORTH 25 1/2 degrees W. about 75 feet; thence

NORTH 78 1/2 degrees W. about 92 feet; thence

SOUTH 28 1/2 degrees W. about 225 feet; thence

SOUTH 1 3/4 degrees E. about 140 feet; thence

NORTH 66 degrees E. about 178 feet to the first mentioned rock.

Also shown as Parcel 65 on Assessor's Map 101, or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Town Manager

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Appendix A, Table 1, A. Residential Uses, c. Multiple-dwelling (Apartment Building) (See Section 7.6.3.) with the following language:

"c. Planned Development - Multifamily or Mixed Use (See Section 7.2)"

or take any action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting the following language:

##### "7.7 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT

7.7.1 Purpose. The provision of an accessory dwelling unit in an owner occupied single family dwelling, new or existing, is intended to increase the number of small dwelling units available for rent in town; provide options for family members; provide older homeowners with a means of obtaining rental income, companionship, security and services, and thereby to enable them to stay more comfortably in homes and neighborhoods they might otherwise be forced to leave; and encourage a more economic and energy efficient use of town's housing supply while maintaining the appearance and character of the town's single-family neighborhoods

7.7.2 Applicability. After notice and public hearing, the Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for an accessory dwelling unit subject to the limitations and criteria in Section 9.4.2 provided that

1. The accessory dwelling unit shall be secondary to the principal dwelling unit.
2. The owner must reside in either the accessory dwelling unit or the principal dwelling unit, except for temporary absences of not more than six months in one calendar year; the "owner" shall be one or more individuals, who hold title to the dwelling in which the accessory apartment is installed, and for whom the dwelling is the primary residence for voting and tax purposes
3. The gross floor area of the accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 1000 SF.
4. There shall be no more than two bedrooms in an accessory dwelling unit.
5. There shall be no more than one accessory dwelling unit on a lot.
6. The accessory dwelling unit shall be designed so that the overall appearance of the existing dwelling is that of a single-family home and is consistent with the predominant character of the neighborhood subject to the following conditions:

- a. The accessory dwelling unit shall be a complete, separate housekeeping unit, containing both kitchen and bath and subordinate in size to the principal dwelling unit
- b. Adequate provision shall be made for two means of egress as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR
- c. Existing dwellings with a gross floor area less than 3,000 square feet may be enlarged to create an accessory dwelling unit; and existing dwellings with a gross floor area in excess of 3,000 square feet shall create the accessory dwelling unit within the existing dwelling with the exception of the required independent means of egress.
- d. All stairways in existing dwellings with the gross floor area in excess of 3,000 square feet shall be enclosed within the exterior walls of the dwelling when leading to upper stories of the structure
7. Adequate provision has been made for the disposal of sewage, waste and drainage generated by the occupancy of such accessory dwelling unit in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Health
8. When a dwelling which has received a Special Permit for an accessory dwelling unit is sold, the new owner(s), if they wish to continue to exercise the Special Permit, must, within thirty (30) days of recording of the sale, submit a notarized letter to the Inspector of Buildings and the Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals stating that they will occupy one of the dwelling units on the premises as their primary residence. This statement shall be listed as a condition on any Special Permits that are issued under this Section.
9. Revocation of the Special Permit for the accessory dwelling unit shall occur if the owner no longer occupies one of the dwelling units or for a violation of the terms stated in the Special Permit or the Andover Zoning Bylaw. Revocation of the Special Permit shall mean that the Inspector of Buildings shall order the removal of the separate kitchen facilities, equipment or fixtures that were made or installed to create such unit.
10. The ownership of the accessory dwelling unit shall not be conveyed or otherwise transferred separately from the principal dwelling.
11. Parking Requirements:

- a. One off-street parking space shall be provided for each studio or one-bedroom accessory dwelling unit; two off street parking spaces shall be provided for a two bedroom accessory dwelling unit;
- b. Off-street parking of motor vehicles shall be consistent with the character of the surrounding neighborhood;
- c. Parking areas with four spaces shall be screened to be compatible with the character of the neighborhood and shall be of adequate height and design to protect the view of abutting property. Screening shall consist of one or more of the following: fencing, vegetation, flora, deciduous shrubs and/or trees.

7.7.3 Procedures. Prior to the Board of Appeals granting of a special permit for an accessory dwelling unit the procedures are as follows:

1. A floor plan and renderings of one-quarter inch to the foot (1/4" = 1') scale must be submitted showing the proposed interior and exterior changes to the dwelling.
2. No accessory dwelling unit shall be constructed without issuance of a building permit by the Inspector of Buildings.
3. No use as an accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the Inspector of Buildings." or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board and Andover Housing Partnership Committee

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Appendix A, Table 1, Section 3.1.3 - Table of Use Regulation, F. Accessory Uses of the Zoning Bylaw by replacing 4. Family dwelling unit with the following:

	SRA	SRB	SRC	APT	LS	OP	GB	MU	IG	IA	ID
"4. Accessory dwelling unit (See Section 7.7)	BA	BA	BA	N	BA	N	BA	BA	BA	BA	BA"

or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board and Andover Housing Partnership Committee

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Appendix A, Table 3, Section 5.1.4 - Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements, F. Accessory Uses of the Andover Zoning Bylaw by replacing 3. Family dwelling unit with the following:

	As set forth in Section 7.7.2.11 Parking Requirements"
"3. Accessory dwelling unit	

or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board and Andover Housing Partnership Committee

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw by deleting the definition of Family Dwelling Unit and inserting the following language:

"ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT: A self-contained dwelling unit, incorporated within a single-family dwelling or accessory building, subordinate in size and secondary to the principal dwelling unit, and separated from it in a manner that maintains the appearance of the structure as a one family unit."

Or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board and Andover Housing Partnership Committee

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Andover Zoning Bylaw, by replacing Sections 7.6.2. Conversions, with the following language:

"7.6.2. Conversions. For the conversion of an existing building into a building with multiple dwelling units, the following criteria shall apply:

1. Purpose. The conversion of a dwelling into multiple dwelling units is intended to create new, more affordable housing by carefully regulating conversions, and to preserve existing buildings and the residential character of neighborhoods;
2. Applicability. After notice and public hearing, the Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for a multiple dwelling unit conversion subject to Section 7.6.2.1 and the protective limitations and criteria of Section 9.4.2 provided that:
  - a. The building must have existed for at least ten years prior to the special permit application for conversion;
  - b. The building is connected to town sewer;
  - c. There shall be twenty-five hundred square feet of lot area for each dwelling unit;
  - d. The building may not be increased in area, footprint, height, or otherwise enlarged beyond the exiting framework, except as may be necessary for secondary egress in the form of an outside stairway and no more than 25% of the existing building may be demolished;
  - e. Except as provided in Section 7.6.2.3 below, no conversion shall be allowed that results in a building with more than four dwelling units per lot;
3. Affordability Incentive. In SRA, SRB and MU districts, the standards set forth in Section 7.6.2.2 subsections d, and e above, may be waived by the Board of Appeals as part of its Special Permit granting authority where the proposed development provides a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) affordable housing on the site, but no less than one affordable unit. In defining affordable housing for purposes of this Section only, affordable units are defined as those that are affordable to households at or below 80% the Lawrence-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area median income.
- a. Affordable units shall include a requirement that the units remain affordable in "perpetuity"; meaning for as long as the project and the designated affordable units are in existence and to assure this, there shall be a monitoring



agreement. The monitoring agreement shall be with a public or private entity, called the monitoring agent, which in the opinion of the Board of Appeals, will be able to provide assurances that there is compliance with the terms of the agreement.

b. For homeownership units, the formula for determining the maximum sale and resale price shall be a price based on an annual debt service on a mortgage plus taxes, insurance and condominium fees (assuming a 10% down payment), that does not exceed 30% of the annual income of a household earning 80% of the median income of the Lawrence-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area. The owner of the affordable unit shall be required to actively market the affordable unit to income eligible purchasers to the satisfaction of the monitoring agent.

c. Renters of affordable units shall have a household income of less than 80% of the median income of Lawrence-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area; and affordable rents (including utilities) shall be limited to 30% of the annual income of a household whose income is 80% of the median income of the Lawrence-MA Metropolitan Statistical Area or established pursuant to a rent schedule set by the Andover Housing Authority.

4. Parking. Parking shall be provided as required by Appendix A, Table 3."

or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the City of Lowell and the Town of Tewksbury to provide sewerage services to users of those services on the property located at 459 River Road, in the Town of Andover, and being more specifically identified as Lot 5 on Assessors Map 229, on terms and conditions deemed by the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town, including a term of up to twenty-five (25) years, but with the specific condition that the use of the land to be served by said sewer shall be limited to ten (10) single family homes, and the two existing buildings known as the Christian Formation Center and the Franciscan Friary, and that the use of the existing buildings shall be limited to religious, educational, or charitable non-profit uses, and expressly prohibiting any other uses such as restaurants, nightclubs, gaming or retail, and that the owner(s) of the property shall record a restriction concerning the allowed uses at the Registry of Deeds; and that the Selectmen are authorized to accept such restriction on terms and conditions they deem in the best interest of the Town; or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of Jayne Farnham and others

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ of the Acts of 2003 to provide for the workforce reduction through an early retirement incentive program for certain employees or to accept Chapter 116 of the Acts of 2002, as continued by the Legislature, or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for special legislation for the work force reduction of the Town of Andover through an early retirement incentive program for certain employees or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 32B, Section 18 of the General Laws related to the transfer of retirees to a Medicare extension plan or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Finance Director

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section 8.0 SPECIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS by adding new Section 8.6 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT as follows:

#### "8.6. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT

8.6.1. Purpose. This Groundwater Protection Overlay District (GWPOD) is established in the Town of Andover for the following purposes:

1. To preserve and protect the groundwater resources in the Zone II of the Tewksbury Hospital water supply wells for the health, safety and general welfare of the residents, staff and visitors to the facility;
2. To preserve and protect potential sources of drinking water supplies from detrimental use and development of land, and to prevent temporary and permanent contamination of the environment in the Town of Andover;
3. This GWPOD does not limit the existing authority of the Conservation Commission pursuant to G.L. c. 131, s. 40.

8.6.2 Establishment And Delineation. This GWPOD includes all the lands which create the recharge area for the Tewksbury Hospital water supply wells. This district includes all the areas within the Town of Andover which are designated on the map titled "ANDOVER PARCELS, ANDOVER WATER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT, AND TEWKSBURY HOSPITAL ZONE II WELLHEAD PROTECTION ZONE" (copies of map are on file and available in the Department of Community Development and Planning office) which is hereby made a part of the Town Zoning Maps.

1. Burden of Proof. When a property owner seeks town approval for any work done on a lot which straddles the line on this GWPOD as shown on said map, the owner must include with his or her application, a map on a scale of one inch equals forty feet prepared by a registered professional surveyor and approved in writing by the Town Engineer, showing the boundary on the owner's lot. The Planning Board may, upon application of the owner of any lot, determine what portion, if any of such lot is in the GWPOD. The owner must include with his or her application a map on a scale of one inch equals forty feet prepared by a registered professional surveyor and approved in writing by the Town Engineer, showing the boundary of the GWPOD with respect to said property. Alternatively, the owner may use the Massachusetts Geographical Information System Zone II map information and corresponding lot boundary information to assess the relative location of the owner's lot and the boundary of the GWPOD, subject to approval by the Planning Board. At the request of the owner, the town may engage a professional engineer, hydrologist, geologist, or soil scientist to determine more accurately the boundaries of the district with respect to individual parcels of land, and may charge the owner for the cost of the investigation.

8.6.3. Overlay District. The GWPOD is an overlay district and shall be superimposed on the other districts established by this by-law. Land in the GWPOD may be used for any purpose otherwise permitted in the underlying district, subject to the additional restrictions which follow herein. In locations where this GWPOD overlaps the land area delineated by the Fish Brook/Haggetts Pond WPOD (Section 8.1), the restrictions of both areas must be followed.

8.6.4. Permitted Uses. The following uses are permitted within the Groundwater Protection District, subject to the design standards set forth in sections 8.6.7:

1. Conservation of soil, water, plants, and wildlife;
2. Outdoor recreation, nature study, boating, fishing, and hunting where otherwise legally permitted;
3. Foot, bicycle and/or horse paths, and bridges;
4. Normal operation and maintenance of existing water bodies and dams, splash boards, and other water control, supply and conservation devices;
5. Maintenance, repair, and enlargement of any existing structure subject to other conditions in 8.6.
6. Residential development, as permitted in the underlying district;
7. Farming, gardening, nursery, conservation, forestry, harvesting, and grazing;
8. Construction, maintenance, and repair of municipal infrastructure, including water system, sewer system, drainage, roadways and public utilities; and enlargement of drinking water supply related facilities; and
9. Storage of heating oil within a building, provided that all necessary state and local approvals have been obtained.

8.6.5. Special Permit Uses. The Planning Board may allow the following uses within the GWPOD upon the grant of a special permit and subject to any additional conditions the Planning Board may impose.

1. Ponds or other changes in water bodies or watercourses, created for recreational use or drainage improvements;
2. The creation of ponds not subject to Conservation Commission jurisdiction under the Wetlands Protection Act.

8.6.6 below, in any quantity that if simultaneously spilled, discharged or otherwise released would cause any danger to public health or safety or would cause of contribute to an exceedance of any state of federal water quality criterion or standard, provided that all necessary measures shall be taken to prevent spill, discharge or other release of the hazardous or toxic substances to the environment.

4. Any use that will render impervious more than 15% or 2,500 square feet of any lot, whichever is greater.

5. Enlargement or alteration of existing uses that do not conform to the Groundwater Protection District.

8.6.6. Prohibited Uses. The following uses are prohibited within the GWPOD:

1. Landfills and open dumps as defined in 310 CMR 19.006;
2. Automobile graveyards and junkyards, as defined in M.G.L. c. 140B, §1;
3. Landfills receiving only wastewater and/or septage residuals including those approved by the Department pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21, §26 through 53; M.G.L. c. 111, §17; M.G.L. c. 83, §6 and 7 and regulations promulgated thereunder;
4. Facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste that are subject to M.G.L. c. 21C and 310 CMR 30.00, except for the following:
  - a. very small quantity generators as defined under 310 CMR 30.000;
  - b. household hazardous waste centers and events under 310 CMR 30.390;
  - c. waste oil retention facilities required by M.G.L. c. 21, § 52A;
- d. water remediation treatment works approved by DEP for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters;
5. Petroleum, fuel oil, and heating oil bulk stations and terminals including, but not limited to, those listed under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 5171 and 5983. SIC Codes are established by the US Office of Management and Budget and may be determined by referring to the publication, Standard Industrial Classification Manual, and any other subsequent amendments;
6. Storage of liquid hazardous materials, as defined in M.G.L. c. 21E, and/or liquid petroleum products unless such storage is:
  - a. above ground level, and;
  - b. on an impervious surface, and
  - c. either:
    - (i) in container(s) or above ground tank(s) within a building, or;
    - (ii) outdoors in covered container(s) or above ground tank(s) in an area that has a containment system designed and operated to hold either 10% of the total possible storage capacity of all containers, or 110% of the largest container's storage capacity, whichever is greater;
7. Storage of sludge and septage, unless such storage is in compliance with 310 CMR 32.30 and 310 CMR 32.31;
8. Storage of deicing chemicals unless such storage, including loading areas, is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate.
9. Storage of animal manure unless covered or contained in accordance with the specifications of the Natural Resource Conservation Service;
10. Earth removal, consisting of the removal of soil, loam, sand, gravel or any other earth material (including mining activities) to within 4 feet of historical high groundwater as determined from monitoring wells and historical water table fluctuation data compiled by the United States Geological Survey, except for excavations for building foundations, roads, or utility works;
11. Discharge to the ground of non-sanitary wastewater including industrial and commercial process wastewater, except:
  - a. the replacement or repair of an existing treatment works that will not result in a design capacity greater than the design capacity of the existing treatment works;
  - b. treatment works approved by the Department designed for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface water and operating in compliance with 314 CMR 5.05(3) or 5.05(13);
  - c. publicly owned treatment works
12. Stockpiling and disposal of snow and ice containing de-icing chemicals brought in from outside the district;
13. Storage of commercial fertilizers, as defined in MGL Chapter 128, §64, unless such storage is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate.

8.6.7 Design Standards. Any development of land within the GWPOD shall meet the following design standards in addition to all standards imposed by the underlying zoning district. Where a lot straddles the GWPOD district boundary, these standards shall apply to that portion of the lot in the GWPOD:

1. Slopes which exceed an average of fifteen percent (15%) over a distance of ten feet or more shall remain undisturbed;
2. Where a lot is partially outside the GWPOD, the site plan shall, to the greatest extent possible, locate pollution sources, such as subsurface sewage disposal systems, outside the district;
3. Where a system or artificial recharge is proposed in accordance with 8.6.5.4, a system for groundwater recharge must be provided which does not degrade groundwater quality. For non-residential uses, recharge shall be by stormwater infiltration basins or similar system covered with natural vegetation, and dry wells shall be used only where other methods are infeasible. For all non-residential uses, all such basins and wells shall be preceded by oil, grease, and sediment traps to facilitate removal of contamination. Any and all recharge areas shall be permanently maintained in full working order by the owner.
4. All construction and land-disturbing activities within the GWPOD shall be designed or sites to minimize erosion and runoff, by such practices as minimizing the construction period, slope stabilization, ditch maintenance, filtering, sedimentation basins and re-vegetation.

#### 8.6.8 Permit Procedures

1. Filing of the Application. Eight complete copies of the application for a special permit for land use within the GWPOD shall be filed with the Planning Board on a form approved by the Planning Board.
2. Review by Other Boards and Agencies. Before acting upon the application, the Planning Board shall submit it to the following boards and agencies which may review it jointly or separately: the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, the Department of Public Works and other boards or agencies that the Planning Board may deem appropriate. Any such agency to which petitions are referred for review shall submit such recommendations as it deems appropriate to the Planning Board and the applicant. Failure to make recommendations within twenty days of receipt shall be deemed lack of comment or opposition.
3. Further Requirements for Information. After the opportunity for review by other boards and agencies, the Planning Board may require the applicant to supply more specific information about the proposed development or activity as per questions and comments of the reviewing boards and agencies. Such additional information shall be submitted within ten days after notice by the Planning Board.

8.6.9. Decision. The Board may grant a special permit for land use within the GWPOD hereunder only if it finds that the applicant has met the general requirements of Sections 8.6 and 9.4 and that the applicant has demonstrated the following:

1. That the plan will in no way, during construction or thereafter, adversely affect the existing or potential quality of quantity of water that is available in the Groundwater Protection District; and
2. That the plan will be designed to avoid substantial disturbance of the soils, topography, drainage, vegetation, and other water-related natural characteristics of the site to be developed

8.6.10. Conditions and Restrictions. The Planning Board may impose any conditions and restrictions required to mitigate any potential damage to groundwater resources and, in reaching its decision, will consider the simplicity,

reliability and effectiveness of these mitigating measures and the damage likely to result if these measures were to fail. If the Planning Board disagrees with the recommendations of the Conservation Commission or the Board of Health, the reasons shall be stated in writing."

or take any other action related thereto

#### On request of the Board of Health and Conservation Commission

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by gift, purchase or eminent domain, to be held in the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, two parcels of land shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Plan - Olympic Village - Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Mass.", drawn for T.D.J. Development Corp., Scale 1" = 100', dated October 23, 1980, drawn by Dana F. Perkins & Assoc., Inc., which plan is recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 8556. The parcels to be taken are shown as Lot 86 on said plan, containing 25.83 acres of land; and Lot 87 on said plan, containing 12.83 acres of land, which is registered land and is also shown as Lot 22 on the plan filed with Land Court Case No. 34810A; and to award no damages for said eminent domain taking; or take any other action related thereto

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Andover Zoning Bylaw pursuant to 2.3 (District Boundaries) and make the appropriate changes to the Zoning Map of Andover, Mass. to re-zone to Apartment (APT) from Single Family Residence B (SRB) those parcels of land described as:

A parcel of land located on the south side of High Street, beginning at a point in the centerline of High Street at the intersection of the existing SRA, APT and SRB Zone, running:

Southwesterly 151.58' along the centerline of High Street to a point opposite the northerly side of a 32' wide way, thence  
Southeasterly 348.00' along the projection of a way, and along the sideline of the way to a point, thence  
Northeasterly 114.02' to a point at the existing APT Zone at land of Andover Gardens Condominium, thence  
Northwesterly 282.00' +/- along the current APT zoning boundary and land of Andover Gardens Condominium and land now or formerly Pelletier to a point in the centerline of High Street, said point being the point of beginning.

The above described parcel includes 173 High Street, being lot 1 on Plan #8854 recorded in Essex North District Registry of Deeds, and the area between that parcel and the centerline of High Street. The area is also shown on "Plan showing proposed re-zoning, Andover, MA, January 23, 2003, 1" = 50'

#### On request of Timothy & Shiohan Quinlan and others

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer two parcels of land as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Plan of Quailcrest - Subdivision Plan of Land in Andover, Mass.", drawn for F & I. D. Assoc. Scale 1" = 40' dated June 12, 1986, drawn by Dana F. Perkins & Associates, Inc., to the care, custody and control of the Andover Conservation Commission. Said plan is recorded in the Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan #10580, described in Book 2411, Page 282. The parcels to be transferred are shown as Parcel B on said plan containing 2.77 acres of land and Parcel C on said plan containing 20.19 acres of land or take any other action related thereto

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the amendment to Section 6 of Chapter 116 of the Acts of 2002 of the Massachusetts General Laws allowing veterans who are members of the Andover Contributory Retirement System and were eligible to purchase military service credit but failed to act within 180 days of acceptance of the Act by the Town of Andover, to apply for such creditable service within 180 days from the date of this vote or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Andover Contributory Retirement Board and others

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.2.4.3. of the Zoning Bylaw by deleting the word "residential" after the word "any" or take any action related thereto

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 for the purpose of completing a Community Development Plan as required by Executive Order 418 or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Andover Traffic Rules and Regulations by adding the following language:

"Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 1 - General Prohibitions of the Traffic Rules and Regulations: Subsection (M) Upon any street, highway or town parking lot unless the vehicle displays a valid registration plate as required by Chapter 90 of Massachusetts General Laws

Subsection (N) Upon any street, highway or town parking lot unless the vehicle displays a valid certificate of inspection as required by Chapter 90 of Massachusetts General Laws

or take any other action related thereto.

#### On request of the Chief of Police

**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer custody and control to the Board of Selectmen and authorize the Selectmen to abandon a certain portion of an easement with the City of Lawrence, with the area to be abandoned being shown and described as follows:

That certain parcel of land situated in the City of Lawrence, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded by courses as shown on a plan entitled "Andover, Mass., Outfall Sewer to Merrimack River, Plan of Center Line of Right of Way, January 1924", drawn by Weston and Sampson, Consulting Engineers, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. on record at Essex North Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 567.

The width of the taking is 15 feet being 7.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the sewer as described in Deed Book 503, Page 568 on record at the Essex North Registry of Deeds

and to authorize the acceptance of the relocated easement as being shown and described as follows

#### PARCEL A

A certain parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Chickering Street and the southerly side of North Parish Road in the City of Lawrence, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts is subject to an easement bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of said North Parish Road, a distance of 435.60 feet westerly of an iron rod with survey cap set on the westerly sideline of Interstate Route 495; thence running

S07° 23' 38"E A distance of four hundred seventy-one and seventy hundredths (471.70) feet to a point, thence  
S53° 42' 29"W A distance of two hundred thirty-one and fifty-two hundredths (231.52) feet to a point, thence  
S08° 00' 31"E A distance of two and seventy-one hundredths (2.71) feet to a point at the side line of Chickering Street; thence

S66° 47' 16"W A distance of thirty-six and twenty-seven hundredths (36.27) feet by the sideline of said Chickering Street to a point; thence

N08° 00' 31"W A distance of thirty-three and thirteen hundredths (33.13) feet to a point; thence  
N53° 42' 29"E A distance of two hundred thirty-one and seventy-eight hundredths (231.78) feet to a point

thence  
N07° 23' 38"W A distance of four hundred fifty-one and nine hundredths (451.09) feet to a point at the sideline of said Parish Road; thence  
N82° 41' 37"E A distance of thirty-five and no hundredths (35.00) feet by the sideline of said North Parish Road to the point of beginning

Said easement contains an area of 24,884 square feet, more or less said easement is depicted as Proposed Easement "A" on plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land" located in Lawrence, Massachusetts, prepared for the City of Lawrence, prepared by Meridian Engineering, Inc., scale 1" = 100' dated August 7, 2002

#### PARCEL B

A certain parcel of land situated on the northerly side of North Parish Road in the City of Lawrence, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts is subject to an easement, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly side of said North Parish Road, said point being a distance of 395.22 feet northeasterly of a railroad spike at the intersection of Crawford Street and North Parish Road; thence running

N07° 24' 13"W A distance of three hundred sixty-six and ninety-eight hundredths (366.98) feet to a point, thence  
N44° 43' 24"W A distance of one hundred sixty-seven and forty-nine hundredths (167.49) feet to a point at land now or formerly Commonwealth of Massachusetts; thence

N82° 41' 37"E A distance of forty-four and seven hundredths (44.07) feet by land of said Commonwealth of Massachusetts and land now or formerly the City of Lawrence to a point; thence

S44° 43' 24"E A distance of one hundred fifty-two and fifty-three hundredths (152.53) feet to a point; thence  
S07° 24' 13"E A distance of three hundred seventy-eight and eighty-six hundredths (378.86) feet to a point at the sideline of said North Parish Road; thence

S82° 41' 37"W A distance of thirty-five and no hundredths (35.00) feet by the sideline of said North Parish Road to the point of beginning

Said easement contains an area of 18,652 square feet, more or less and is depicted as Proposed Easement "B" on plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land" located in Lawrence, Massachusetts, prepared for the City of Lawrence, prepared by Meridian Engineering, Inc., scale 1"=100' dated August 7, 2002

#### PARCEL C

A certain parcel of land situated on land now or formerly City of Lawrence in the City of Lawrence, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts is subject to an easement bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point a distance of 297.17 feet northeasterly of an iron rod with survey cap set on the easterly sideline of Crawford Street; thence running

N07° 18' 23"W A distance of five and forty hundredths (5.40) feet by land now or formerly the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to a point; thence

N55° 19' 48"E A distance of thirty and forty-six hundredths (30.46) feet to a point; thence  
S44° 43' 24"E A distance of twenty-four and forty-three hundredths (24.43) feet to a point; thence

S82° 41' 37"W A distance of forty-one and ninety hundredths (41.90) feet to the point of beginning

Said easement contains an area of 479 square feet, more or less and is depicted as Proposed Easement "C" on plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land" located in Lawrence, Massachusetts, prepared for the City of Lawrence, prepared by Meridian Engineering, Inc., scale 1"=100' dated August 7, 2002

#### PARCEL D

A certain parcel of land situated on land now or formerly Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the City of Lawrence, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts is subject to an easement, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point a distance of 295.00 feet northeasterly of an iron rod with survey cap set on the easterly sideline of Crawford Street; thence running

N44° 43' 24"W A distance of three and eighty-six hundredths (3.86) feet to a point; thence  
N55° 19' 48"E A distance of five and nine hundredths (5.09) feet to land now or formerly the City of Lawrence to a point; thence

S07° 18' 23"E A distance of five and forty hundredths (5.40) feet by land of said City of Lawrence to a point; thence

S82° 41' 37"W A distance of two and seventeen hundredths (2.17) feet to the point of beginning.

Said easement contains an area of 15 square feet, more or less and is depicted as Proposed Easement "D" on plan entitled "Easement Plan of Land" located in Lawrence, Massachusetts, prepared for the City of Lawrence, prepared by Meridian Engineering, Inc., scale 1"=100' dated August 7, 2002

and to authorize Board of Selectmen to enter into an amendment to a certain agreement dated December 30, 1985 within the City of Lawrence in order to relocate said easement on terms and conditions the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town or take any other action related thereto

#### On request of the DPW Director

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies and publication thereof, fourteen days, at least before the time and place of said meeting as directed by the Bylaws of the Town

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting

Given our hands this third day of March, 2003

Raymond E. Hender, Chairman

John P. Hess, Vice Chairman

Brian P. Major

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ATTEST

Ronald Berthelm, Constable

Andover, Massachusetts, March 5, 2003

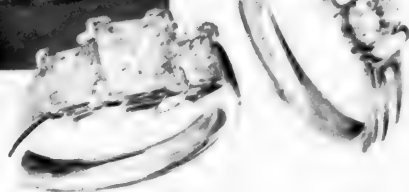
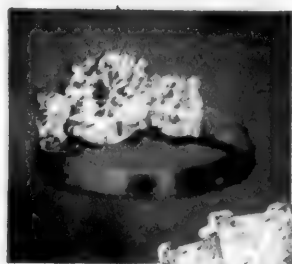
Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I, the subscriber, one of the Constables of the Town of Andover, have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place and for the purposes stated in said Warrant, by posting a true and attested copy of the same on the Town Hall, on each school house, and in no less than five other public places where bills and notices are usually posted and by publication in the ANDOVER TOWNSMAN. Said warrants have been posted and published fourteen days

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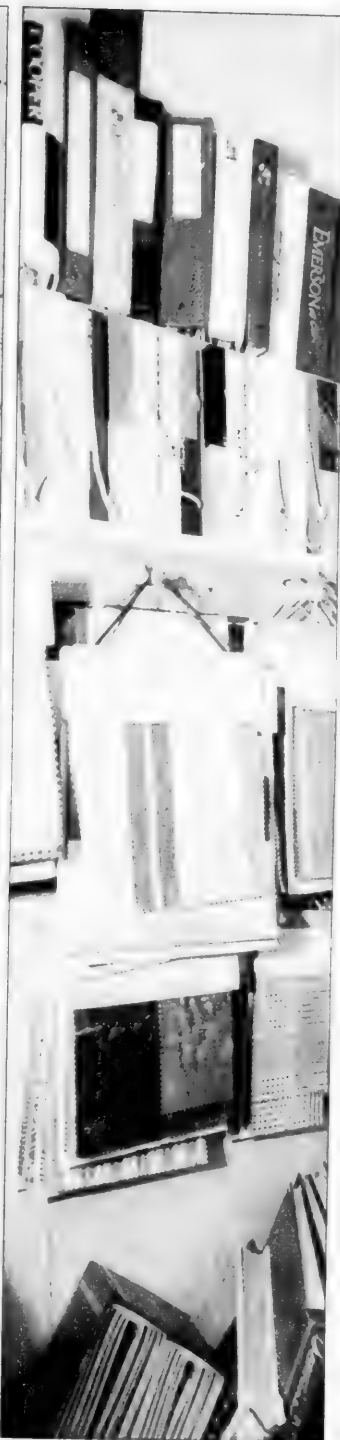
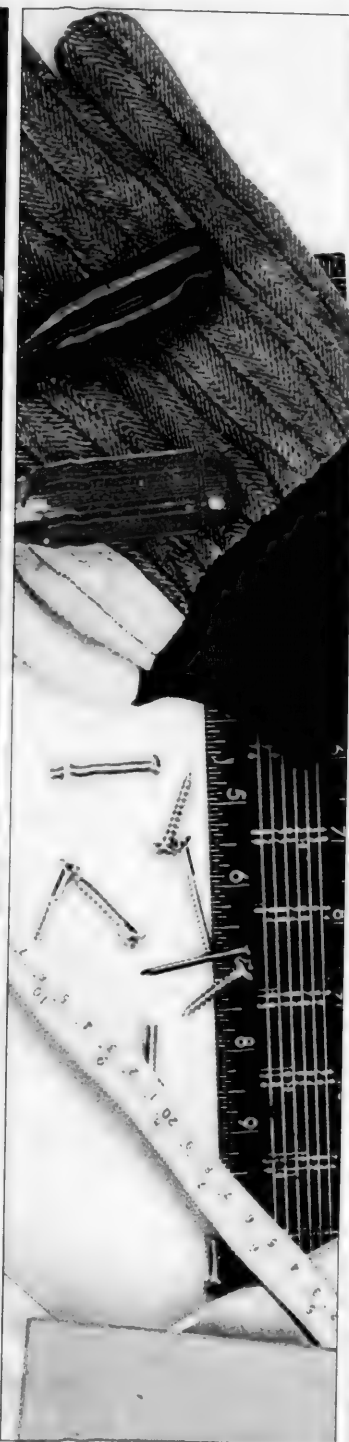


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With franchised stores handling fulfillment, Learning Express does not require large capital outlays for inventory, warehousing and distribution costs, which have crippled many online retailers, including virtual toy stores like e-Toys, Toy Smart and Redrocket.com in the late 1990s.

"This is a way to have a dot-com presence and be a profitable venture from the beginning," said Learning Express Founder and CEO Sharon DiMinico. "We're not allocating large capital expenditures to buy market share. Learningexpress.com will grow while we enhance our core business, the specialty toy franchise."

Learningexpress.com had a limited launch on Nov. 3, 2001, with a dozen of the company's 130 stores providing fulfillment for 500 of the retailer's top products. The "soft opening" provided a testing phase to ensure that the back-end system worked properly.

Since the end of 2001, Learningexpress.com has broadened its product selection and now has 32 stores fulfilling orders across the country.

Here's how the system works: A customer goes to Learningexpress.com, browses the shopping site and selects the merchandise to purchase. The fulfilling Learning Express store receives the order online, picks the product from its own inventory and ships it directly to the customer. When the order is complete, the customer receives a confirmation e-mail, which includes the fulfilling store's address, phone, fax number and e-mail address.

The customer can take advantage of an unusual level of personal service. In addition to selecting several gift-wrapping options, shoppers can choose to pick up their order at the fulfilling store and save on shipping costs. Online customers have the ability to call a store owner directly with questions about their order or other merchandise that piqued their curiosity while browsing.

Learning Express, which began with one store in 1987 in Acton Mass., now has 130 locations in 35 states, including one in Andover. Both in-store and online, Learning Express offers a wide selection of award-winning toys, books, games and other playthings, in addition, stores offer free in-store activities and community support programs.

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# GOLD'S GYM

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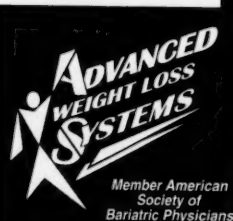
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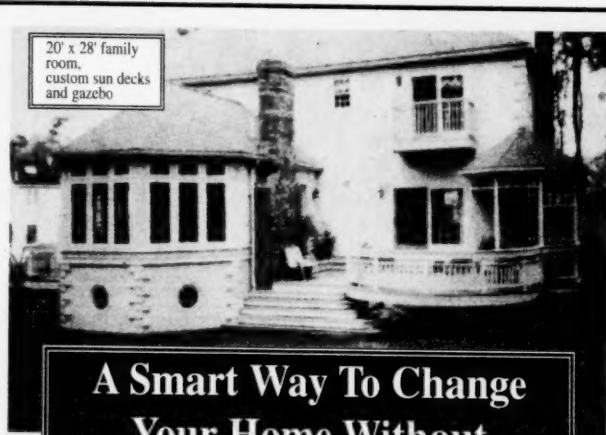
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—Theresa Lewis, Andover



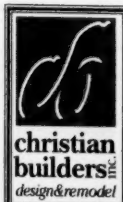
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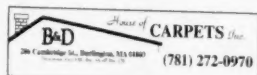
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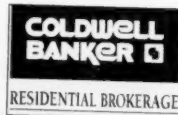
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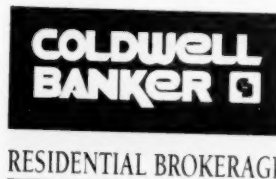
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